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See This Attractive Filly

By *JACOPO–FRIENDLY JANE

Out of a Winning Grandaughter of *Filante

1st Dam, FRIENDLY JANE

by Chance Shot. Won at three and was in the money in four other races at two and three. Her first foal, *Just John*, was unplaced in two starts at two and has not started to date this season although he is in training. Her second foal, *Jacopoly*, full brother to this filly, has made three starts to date at two, closing some ground in short races.

2nd Dam, FRIENDLY GAL

by *Sir Gallahad III. Won at two and is the dam of the winners Friendly Jane, Gallant Duke and Reapers Blade, also the dam of the producers Minstrel Gal and Khanam.

3rd Dam, *FILANTE

by Sardanapale. Dam of the stakes winners *Flying Gal II* (dam of *Boswell, *Hypnotist II*, etc.) *Fenelon*, Flying Spear II, Fresh Fox, Gaffsman, Frisius, and Filemaker, the first three being full sisters to Friendly Gal. Also dam of the other producers of stakes winners Filon d'Or *(Thread o' Gold)*, Flying Song *(Apache)*, Flivver (Canfli) and High Flight (Liberty Flight). The first two, in addition to Flying Gal II, are full sisters to Friendly Gal.

*JACOPO—sire of the crack race mares *Jacola*, *Cocopet* and *Damaged Goods* among other stakes winners. He consistently ranks high among stallions with an unusual number of winners. He is near the top, considering the percentage of foals which win, his get win at two and they go on winning.

and This Stout, Good Looking Colt

By OMAHA–CRACKALOO

Full Brother to the winner Nebraska

¾ Brother to the winner Lady Flares

1st Dam, CRACKALOO

by Chance Shot. Did not race and is the dam of *Nebraska*, winner at two, four and five (1944), *Lady Flares*, winner at two and three and placed at four (1944) and *Omaloo*, placed four times at two and started once at three (1944). Crackaloo had one other foal which started once at two. Nebraska and Omaloo are full brothers to this yearling and Lady Flares is a three-quarter sister. All three have not been far off. This could be the one.

2nd Dam, NEGRINA

by Luke McLuke. Won at two and three and placed in stakes. Is the dam of the stakes winner Sir Bevidere and the winners Grey Shot, Peregrina, Diesel (producer), and Armful (dam of *Armed*, etc.). Another daughter, Great Gossip, is also a producing mare. *Crackaloo* is a full sister to *Armful*. Negrina is a full sister to *Jeanne Bowdre*.

3rd Dam, *BLACK BROCADE

by Neil Gow. Dam of the stakes winners *Jeanne Bowdre*, Shuffle Along and Mr. Sponge, full sister and brothers, respectively, to Negrina. Also dam of the winners Pagan Pan (sire), Playbill, Well Played, Mee, and Irish Lace (producer) and the stakes producer Barenka (Moralist). Jeanne Bowdre is dam of the stakes winners and sires *Jean Valjean* and *Grand Slam* (brother in blood to Crackaloo).

OMAHA—Winner of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont, Arlington Classic, etc., and second by a head in the Ascot Gold Cup. Sire of the winners Ahamo, Oregon, Deseronto, etc. This season there have been an increasing number of winners among Omaha's get. His foals are durable and are winning in more than a single season. This particular yearling might turn into something worth while if he gets into the hands of someone who will give him some time. He is a striking looking colt and will make a big, stout horse.

These yearlings will be sold Tuesday Afternoon. They may be inspected at the farm prior to the sale.

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Fortunes of the Haltermen

HEREWITH we present a small statistical item bearing on the claiming problem.

Daily Racing Form last week published its *Monthly Chart Book* for May, and as usual included a tabulation showing the leading money-winning owners of the season, through May 23. On the list of the leading 30 were nine stables whose owners and trainers have been very handy with the halter. Eight of these were handled by trainers who claimed at least 17 horses in 1943, and the other is a stable which has been one of the most frequent claimers in 1944. There were three such stables among the leading ten in 1944, three in the second ten, three in the third.

A hasty comparison revealed that in the corresponding list of leaders in May, 1943, when the proportion of claiming races was much higher than it is today, there was exactly the same number of claiming stables among the leaders, and exactly the same distribution, three in the first ten, three in the second, three in the third.

What is more important, of course, is the fact that the earnings of the nine claiming stables among the leaders in 1944 are 31 per cent higher than those of the nine claiming stables among the leaders in May, 1943.

It is also true that the earnings of the 21 stables on the list which did no claiming or relatively little showed an increase of 72 per cent over the 21 on the May list in 1943. This increase is largely accounted for by the extraordinary success of Warren Wright's Calumet Farm, which on May 23 had earned almost as much as it earned during the entire season of 1943, when it was the leading stable with $267,915. The statistics may also be thrown off their normal course to some extent by the fact that last year the claiming stables were represented by more than a normal number of genuinely high-class horses.

But, even if we accept the figures as they stand in this small sample, they point up a very important consideration. The reduction in the number of claiming races has not worked out to the disadvantage of the claiming stables.

Beyond this there lies a still more important consideration. The earnings of the claiming stables have increased by nearly one-third, those of the non-claiming stables by more than two-thirds. This statistic is, as we have pointed out, not necessarily a fair sample, but it may not be far from the true expectancy. If we accept it as a moderately accurate indicator, what does it indicate? If claiming stables have increases less than half as large as non-claiming stables, is there not a discrimination which works out to the disadvantage of the former group? There is a trap of logic into which we must not let ourselves fall.

To be sure, the beginning of a period in which there is a radical reduction in the number of claiming races will see a large increase in the earnings of the higher grades of horses, even if purses are not raised, simply because the better horses will have more opportunity for running. This we may call self-evident. To be sure, the *proportion* of money earned by the selling platers will be less. This also is self-evident.

But it must be realized that, without this shift in the proportion of purse money toward the upper grades, the increase in the actual earnings of the lower grades of horses would still be no greater than it has been. For the lower classes of horses can be brought into competition easily for the minimum or near-minimum purse, and the more minimum purses there are the lower the average distribution is going to be. An overuse of the minimum purse tends to force the earning power of middle-class horses down to the earning power of the cheapest horses. The minimum cannot be raised high enough, without reaching heights of absurdity, to give horsemen an advantage as great as they have already gained.

The owners of the lower grades of horses are actually advantaged by giving a still greater advantage to the upper grades. And this phenomenon, we believe, will be asserted as positively in days of declining purses as it is today. Horsemen will always fare better under a system which permits earnings in proportion to class than under a system which makes nearly all purses of nearly equal value.

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PEDIGREE POINTS

By J. A. Estes

Priscilla Carter

THE most successful studs are, perforce, those which have the best broodmares. The extreme success which William Woodward has enjoyed as a breeder of race horses in America and England is largely owing to his possession of such extraordinary mares as *Filante, Marguerite, *Flambette, and Valkyr and their descendants. These four mares were enough to provide the chairman of The Jockey Club with more success on the Turf than anyone could very reasonably hope for.

But in addition to these families and other good producers, Mr. Woodward also owned Priscilla Carter, which may be set down as one of the more remarkable broodmares of the century. In the British Isles, where she was not even considered a Thoroughbred but had to accept registry of her foals in the half-bred stud book, she produced six named offspring. Five of them raced, and all were stakes winners, three of them top-class, the latest of them to gain prominence being last week's winner of the New Oaks, Hycilla. The other foal was the unraced filly *Humility, whose first offspring is Lt. Ogden Phipps' recent Astoria Stakes winner Subdued.

In the fall of 1913 August Belmont's Nursery Stud consigned a number of mares to the sales at Tattersalls, and Arthur B. Hancock, on the lookout for broodmares to be mated with Celt, which he had just purchased, bought two of them, Sand Dune and Pyramid, along with two others from other consignments, Clara Atkin and Blazing Star. The four mares were shipped to Ellerslie Stud at Charlottesville, Va., then Mr. Hancock's center of operations.

Pyramid, purchased for $400, was a 5-year-old chestnut mare by Hastings out of St. Priscilla, by *Rayon d'Or. St. Priscilla had already produced the high-class Priscillian, a stakes winner which ran unbeaten for two seasons, and Stromboli, one of the first top-class sons of Fair Play. Pyramid, at the time of the sale, was carrying a foal by Tracery's brother Trap Rock, and the foal turned out to be a chestnut filly called The Reef.

This filly was sold as a yearling at Sheepshead Bay and was knocked down to Philip A. Clark for $625. This was, presumably, one of the earliest yearling purchases made for the account of Mr. Woodward, who then carried on his racing in Mr. Clark's name. The Reef did not race and was retired to the stud as a 3-year-old in 1917. Her first five foals were fillies, among them Priscilla Ruley, winner of the Alabama and other stakes, and her half-sister Priscilla Carter, the latter foaled in 1925, by *Omar Khayyam.

Priscilla Carter, if the records are accepted at face value, showed nothing like the class of Priscilla Ruley, which earned a total of $34,900. She ran twice unplaced at two, failed to win in four starts at three, though she was placed once second and once third. At four she won three of 19 starts and was three times third, her earnings in three seasons being $3,700. But Mr. Woodward had no question of the class of the mare. He continued to run her not only against good fillies and mares but against the best colts and horses.

At four, after she had broken her maiden in a six-furlong race at Jamaica, she ran last in Diavolo's Dixie Handicap, then last in the Ladies' Handicap won by Lace with Bateau second. In winning the 6½-furlong Miss Woodford Handicap at Aqueduct she beat Sweep Out, Virmar, and others. Her other victory came in a handicap at Jamaica in which she carried 118 pounds and finished second to Display under 126 but was awarded first money on a claim of foul, the 3-year-olds Upset Lad and African finishing behind her.

In another handicap she finished third to Sun Edwin and Sepoy, with Valorous and the C. C. A. Oaks winner Sweet Verbena behind her, and she was third in the Bayview Claiming Handicap at Aqueduct, behind Chicatie (entered for $15,000) and Low Gear. She was also unplaced in *Light Carbine's Mt. Vernon Handicap, Polydor's Scarsdale Handicap, and Genie's Yorktown Handicap—her last race. In many of her races she tired and finished last or nearly so.

Early in her racing career—I don't know the exact date—Priscilla Carter was cut down behind and narrowly missed having a tendon severed, an accident which apparently prevented her from being a top-flight performer. It was this old injury which eventually caused her to go down so badly behind that she had to be destroyed this year.

REMINDERS

Thursday June 22 ♊ The Arms	Long Branch closes.
Friday June 23 ♋ The Breast	1893: Aristides died.
Saturday June 24 ♋ The Breast	Dwyer Stakes, Aqueduct. Equipoise Mile, Arlington Park. Polly Drummond Stakes, Delaware Park. Constitution Handicap, Suffolk Downs. Ascot Park closes. Hamilton opens. Blue Bonnets opens. Longacres opens.
Sunday June 25 ♌ The Heart	1917: Borrow set the American record for 1⅛ miles at 1:49⅖.
Monday June 26 ♌ The Heart	1937: Delaware Park's inaugural meeting opened.
Tuesday June 27 ♌ The Heart	1924: Adolph Spreckels died.
Wednesday June 28 ♍ The Bowels	Princess Doreen Stakes, Arlington Park. Great American Stakes, Aqueduct. Indian River Steeplechase Handicap, Delaware Park.
Thursday June 29 ♍ The Bowels	Diamond State Stakes, Delaware Park. Winnipeg Futurity, Polo Park.
Friday June 30 ♎ The Reins	1861: M. J. Winn born.
Saturday July 1 ♎ The Reins	Saratoga stakes close. Aqueduct closes; Brooklyn Handicap. Arlington Lassie Stakes, Arlington Park. Betsy Ross Stakes, Suffolk Downs. Newcastle Handicap, Delaware Park. River Downs closes. Hamilton (Ontario) closes. Lansdowne Park closes.

In 1929, as a 4-year-old Priscilla Carter was sent to Ireland and her first mate, in 1930, was Achtoi. From this mating came *Alcazar, a first-class distance runner in England and sire of Apache, chief money spinner of Mr. Woodward's present racing stable. Her other foals, and a condensed record of the best horses in the immediate family, are given in the accompanying chart.

ST. PRISCILLA, 1896, by *Rayon d'Or. Dam of—
PRISCILLIAN, 1905, by Hastings (S).
PYRAMID, 1908, by Hastings. Dam of—
COLUMN, 1919, by Celt (S).
THE REEF, 1914, by Trap Rock. Dam of—
PRISCILLA RULEY, 1921, by *Ambassador IV (S).
PRISCILLA CARTER, 1925, by *Omar Khayyam. Dam of—
*ALCAZAR, 1931, by Achtoi (S).
SPINNER, 1932, by Spion Kop (S).
*ISOLATER, 1933, by Blandford (S).
*HUMILITY, 1938, by Hyperion. Dam of—
SUBDUED, 1942, by Fighting Fox (S).
HERALD (1940) by Hyperion (S).
HYCILLA (1941) by Hyperion (S).
PECCADILLO, 1909, by Hastings. Dam of—
SAILING B., 1918, by Trap Rock.
PRISM, 1914, by Trap Rock. Dam of—
THIRTEEN SIXTY, 1924, by John P. Grier (S).
DANGERILLO, 1922, by Danger Rock. Dam of—
RIDGEVIEW, 1928, by Prince of Umbria (S).
STROMBOLI, 1911, by Fair Play (S).
PRINCEPS, 1915, by Fair Play (S).
FAIR PRISCILLA, 1919, by Fair Play. Dam of—
PRICEMAKER, 1921, by *Hourless (S).
FAIRNESS, 1924, by *Hourless. Dam of—
SICKLEFEATHER, 1932, by *Sickle. Dam of—
ANTHEMION, 1940, by Pompey (S).
PAR, 1934, by *Sickle (S).
DRURY LANE, 1937, by Haste (S).
BLACK DIAMOND, 1926, by Black Toney (S).
PROJECTILE, 1930, by *Swift and Sure (S).

Note: S indicates stakes winners.

FOALS OF 1944

Claiborne Farm, A. B. Hancock, Paris, Ky.

Citadel, by *Sir Gallahad III: B. f. by Snark, May 12. Mare to *Rhodes Scholar. (Wheatley Stable.)
Dark Love, by *Traumer: B. f. by Snark, May 28. Mare to King Cole. (Blenheim Farms.)
Duplication, by Diavolo: B. c. by Johnstown, May 24. Mare to Johnstown. (Dr. G. H. Knapp.)
Escutcheon, by *Sir Gallahad III: B. f. by *Rhodes Scholar, May 19. Mare to Stimulus. (Marshall Field.)
Gala Song, by *Sir Gallahad III: Ch. c. by Grand Slam, May 17. Mare to *Jacopo.
Gallisa, by *Sir Gallahad III: B. c. by Milkman, May 12. Mare to Stimulus. (H. F. Guggenheim.)
Heloise, by Friar Rock: B. f. by Menow, May 22. Mare to Menow. (Nydrie Stables.)
Hostility, by Man o' War: B. c. by *Rhodes Scholar, May 16. Mare to *Mahmoud. (Wheatley Stable.)
*Humility, by Hyperion: Dk. b. f. by Fighting Fox, May 17. Mare to Gallant Fox. (Belair Stud.)
Invoke, by *Teddy: B. c. by *Mahmoud, May 14. Mare to Eight Thirty. (J. M. Roebling.)
Iseult, by *Sir Gallahad III: B. f. by Snark, May 24. Mare to Snark. (Wheatley Stable.)
Lady Greville, by *Sir Gallahad III: B. c. by *Rhodes Scholar, May 19. Mare to Johnstown. (Belair Stud.)
Lady Nicotine, by *Sun Briar: B. f. by *Sir Gallahad III, May 19. Mare to *Sir Gallahad III. (H. F. Guggenheim.)
La Palina, by *Ambassador IV: Ch. f. by Gallant Fox, May 30. Mare to Gallant Fox. (Belair Stud.)
Merry Lassie, by Stimulus: B. c. by Snark, May 23. Mare to *Rhodes Scholar. (Wheatley Stable.)
Peggy Byrne, by Stimulus: B. c. and ch. c. by *Rhodes Scholar, May 9. Mare to Johnstown. (Nydrie Stables.)
Perimetric, by Sir Andrew: Ch. c. by *Rhodes Scholar, May 8. Mare to Johnstown. (Dr. G. H. Knapp.)
Pompohone, by Pompey: B. f. by Johnstown, May 10. Mare to Johnstown.
*Sans Lumiere, by Sansovino: B. f. by *Sir Gallahad III, May 21. Mare to Stimulus. (Marshall Field.)
*Sekhmet, by Sardanapale: B. f. by *Sir Gallahad III, May 14. Mare to *Sir Gallahad III. (Belair Stud.)
Valonia, by Gallant Fox: Ch. f. by *Hypnotist II, May 21. Mare to *Hypnotist II. (Belair Stud.)
Wee Shane, by *Bright Knight: Ch. f. by *Blenheim II, May 17. Mare to Johnstown.

Corum Farms, Ashby Corum, Madisonville, Ky.

Cindy, by Stimulus: Ch. c. by Port au Prince, March 15. Mare to Port au Prince.
Isalady, by Islam: Ch. f. by Port au Prince, May 7. Mare to Saladin. (J. E. Hankins.)
Kentucky Girl, by *Kentucky II: B. f. by Port au Prince, May 9. Mare to Port au Prince. (Roscoe Doriott.)
Philwex, by Saxon: Ch. c. by Port au Prince, March 17. Mare to Port au Prince.
Pretzel, by *Cohort or Hard Tack: Ch. f. by Port au Prince, April 16. Mare to Saladin.
Trip Ahead, by Wise Counsellor: B. f. by Brokers Tip, April 4. Mare to Port au Prince. (John A. Bell, Jr.)

Creekview Farm, Tollie Young, Paris, Ky.

*Brown Queen II, by Nid d'Or: Ch. c. by Charing Cross, May 18. Mare to Sky Raider. (Dr. P. A. Rothfuss.)
Just Play, by Broadway Jones: Br. c. by Charing Cross, April 8. Mare to Sky Raider. (Dr. P. A. Rothfuss.)
Toy Foot, by Time Maker: Ch. c. by Charing Cross, May 8. Mare to Sky Raider. (Dr. P. A. Rothfuss.)

Ellerslie Farm, A. B. Hancock, Charlottesville, Va.

Gas Bag, by Man o' War: Br. f. by *Blenheim II, May 8. Mare to Flares. (Mrs. R. R. M. Carpenter, Jr.)

Lookout Stock Farm, Jimmy Brink, Walton, Ky.

Blue Hydrangea, by Blue Larkspur: B. c. by Big Pebble, May 14. Mare to Bold and Bad. (M. Wexler.)
Flo Vennie, by *Colonel Vennie: B. c. by Reaping Reward, April 24. Mare to Bold and Bad.
Lady Roulette, by High Quest: B. f. by Strabo, May 7. Mare to Bold and Bad.

Rancho San Vicente, P. G. Winnett, Pomona, Calif.

Black Bread, by Flying Ebony: B. f. by *Don Mike, April 27. Mare to *Don Mike.
Bonhonest, by Bon Homme: B. c. by *Justice F. or Marching Sir, May 5. Mare to *Craig Park.
Bon Veille, by Bon Homme: Ch. c. by *Justice F., April 3. Mare to *Craig Park.
Bon Vitte, by Bon Homme: Br. f. by *Craig Park, April 3. Mare to *Craig Park.
Flint Broom, by Brooms: B. c. by *Ligaroti, April 23. Mare to *Craig Park.
Her Did, by Ariel: B. c. by *Ligaroti, March 22. Mare to *Ligaroti.

C. V. Whitney, Lexington

Andria, by Jock: B. c. by Gallant Gay, April 11. Mare to Carrier Pigeon. (Mrs. H. A. Cobb.)
Equidistant, by Equipoise: Blk. f. by *Mahmoud, May 4. Mare to *Mahmoud.
*Kumhere, by Sardanapale: B. c. by Halcyon, May 28. Mare to Sky Raider.
Lima, by Peace Chance: Ch. f. by *Mahmoud, May 1. Mare to *Mahmoud.
Rattlebrain, by Pennant: Ch. f. by *Mahmoud, May 6. Mare to *Mahmoud.
Schwester, by Pennant: Ch. c. by Eight Thirty, May 28. Mare to *Mahmoud.

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Dade Park's Purses

James C. Ellis, president and general manager of Dade Park, at Henderson, Ky., announced last week that minimum purses for the meeting which begins there Saturday, August 5, will be $700, an increase of $100 over last year's minimum.

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Gain. In 1943 Arlington Park opened Monday, June 21, with attendance of 9,120, mutuel handle of $431,783. This year's comparative totals: Attendance 15,608, handle $1,473,412.

NEW YORK

Aqueduct

THE phenomenal New York racing season was rolling along at Aqueduct last week in a fashion to suggest that it had expanded to the approximate limits of the physical accommodations available. But the crowd of last Saturday, June 17, numbered by the turnstiles at 31,162, managed to stretch the margins a little further in some particulars. It was the largest crowd of the meeting, which was then 11 days old. It wagered $2,793,373, the largest of the meeting. It set new records for the remodeled Aqueduct track by betting $134,308 on the daily double, $209,592 on the jumping race, and $452,947 on one race—the Shevlin Stakes won by By Jimminy.

The week's daily average turnover in the totalizator was $2,218,656, slightly smaller than that of the first week, which missed a day because of the invasion. Through the first 11 days of racing the public pools had added up to $24,493,521, an average of $2,226,683.

Principal race of the week in the 3-year-old ranks was the one-mile Shevlin Stakes, run Saturday, and in it By Jimminy took a clear decision over Greentree Stable's Stir Up, with the Withers winner Who Goes There among the unplaced. On the previous Monday By Jimminy had received a ten-pound weight concession from George D. Widener's Lucky Draw in the $5,000 added, seven-furlong overnight Gotham Handicap and had beaten the son of Jack High by three lengths. In this race By Jimminy was credited with having run the seven furlongs in the extremely fast time of 1:22⅘, though *Daily Racing Form's* timer caught him in 1:23⅕.

The Tuesday card was featured by the $6,000 added Hitchcock Steeplechase Handicap, instituted three years ago in honor of the famed steeplechase trainer Thomas Hitchcock. Miss Ella Widener's Iron Shot was the odds-on favorite and he won the race by a nose after a prolonged hammer-and-tongs battle with Invader over the last jump and through the final run-in.

The racing of Wednesday, June 14, found Ted Atkinson riding five winners, among them a colt which appears to be making a bid for the top honors in the 2-year-old ranks. This was Col. C. V. Whitney's Burg-El-Arab, a whopping, muscular son of the great speedster Boojum. Burg-El-Arab's victory was in the Tremont Stakes. He had already indicated his class by winning a 4½-furlong race at Belmont Park in 51⅘ seconds and was made an odds-on choice, a responsibility which he discharged with the utmost ease.

A $5,000 overnight handicap, called the Europa, was run Friday, for fillies and mares. It attracted only three starters, and the winner was Cain Hoy Stable's Good Morning, by an easy three lengths over George D. Widener's Stefanita, which thus far has been unable to approach the form which marked her as one of the two best 3-year-old fillies of last season.

On Saturday, June 17, Racing Secretary John B. Campbell pulled out another program without a claiming race, a feat which he has been able to do almost at will this season. In addition to the Shevlin Stakes it featured the $5,000 added overnight Hermes Handicap in which Belair Stud's Apache turned in one of the best sprinting efforts of the year. Despite the fact that he carried 132 pounds and conceded at least 19 pounds to each of the other three starters, Apache was an odds-on choice, and he ran the 5½ furlongs in 1:04⅘, taking a fifth of a second off the track record which had been set by Devil Diver two years ago under 140 pounds.

Boojum's Son

TREMONT STAKES, Aqueduct, June 14, $7,500 added, 2-year-old colts and geldings, 5½ furlongs. Time, 1:05⅘, track fast. Stakes division, $7,755, $1,500, $750, $375. Breeder's award (C. V. Whitney), $225.

Burg-El-Arab, 112 (Col. C. V. Whitney) 1
Esteem, 110, Stimulus—Esposa (William Ziegler, Jr.) 2
Hillyer Court, 112, Ariel—Latch Key (Hugh McL. Fenwick) 3

Others, Dockstader 118, King Dorsett 112, Poco Mas 118, Our Candidate 112. Blue Bird Stock Farm and Mrs. Floyd West entry, Poco Mas and Our Candidate.

In Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney's stable the 1944 season has been something like old times for the Eton blue and brown, once the most successful colors in American racing but wrapped in obscurity in recent years. From this season's crop of 2-year-olds there have already appeared the stakes winners Jeep, Flyweight, and Burg-El-Arab and the winners Hindu Kush, Future Hero, Crawfish, Monsoon, Red Pixie, and Calm Seas—names all reminiscent of Colonel Whitney's wartime experience and travels.

Brightest of these to date is Burg-El-Arab, a son of the phenomenal Boojum and the undistinguished broodmare *Aporoma. The brown colt, an oversized youngster with great power, made his first start at Belmont Park June 2 and ran off from his field, covering 4½ furlongs in 51⅘ seconds. The Tremont was his second effort, and he was made favorite at 55 cents on the dollar in the tote. Ted Atkinson, riding the third of his five winners that day, kept him just behind the pace of Poco Mas through the first quarter, then took him to the front and went on to win easily by better than two lengths—for the second time in succession missing the track record by four-fifths of a second. Esteem, first foal of the high-class mare Esposa, ran a most promising race to finish second. Last in the field of seven through the first half-mile, he ran past all the others at the end, but without threatening the winner.

John P. Grier	{ Whisk Broom II by Broomstick—Audience { Wonder by Disguise—Curiosity
BOOJUM (Bay, 1927)	
Elf	{ *Chicle by Spearmint—Lady Hamburg II { Wendy by Peter Pan—Remembrance
BURG-EL-ARAB (Brown colt, 1942)	
Hurry On	{ Marcovil by Marco—Lady Villikins { Tout Suite by Sainfoin—Star
*APOROMA (Chestnut, 1928)	
Golden Horn	{ Grand Parade by Orby—Grand Geraldine { Accurate by Pericles—Accuracy (No. 19 family)

Col. C. V. Whitney, breeder and owner; A. Schuttinger, trainer.

Burg-El-Arab's two starts and two wins have gained $9,130.

*APOROMA, unraced, imported as a yearling, six foals. Winners, Kindle, Burg-El-Arab (stakes, above). Three of her foals failed to race. GOLDEN HORN, ran once unplaced, five foals. Winners, Heart of Gold (Boroughbridge Handicap), Golden Spear (Isleham Plate), Hidden Treasure (in Ceylon). Producer, *Aporoma (above). ACCURATE, winner Great Metropolitan, Salisbury Cup, Lancashire Nursery Handicap, seven foals. Winners, Knight of Blyth (Dewhurst Plate, Tuesday Stakes), Roman Ruler (Manton Stakes), Review Order (Dewhurst, Rous Memorial, Molecomb, Chesham, Jersey Stakes; brother to Accurate), Silvate. Producers, Miss Accurate, Golden Horn (above).

By Jimminy All the Way

SHEVLIN STAKES. Aqueduct, June 17, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds, 1 1-16 miles. Time, 1:45⅖, track fast. Stakes division, $8,855, $2,000, $1,000, $500. Breeder's award (Idle Hour Stock Farm), $300.

By Jimminy, 116 (Alfred P. Parker) ---------- 1
Stir Up, 122, Stimulus—Lady Minnie (Greentree Stable) ---------- 2
Stymie, 108, Equestrian—Stop Watch (Mrs. E. D. Jacobs) ---------- 3

Others, Autocrat 112, George Case 108, Appleknocker 114, Who Goes There 122, Ariel Flight 112, Galactic 112, Shut Up 108, Onecbill 108, Freezout 110. Winning jockey, Ted Atkinson.

In the Shevlin Stir Up made his first start since he finished third behind Pensive in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. His stamina limitation appeared to have been revealed in those races, but at the shorter distance of the Shevlin he was favorite at 2 to 1, with By Jimminy at only slightly longer odds But this time Eddie Arcaro could find neither enough speed nor enough stamina in the son of Stimulus. Ted Atkinson took By Jimminy to the front at once, rated him there at a comfortable pace, and in the last furlong extended his lead to four lengths without pressure. Stir Up, which was close up all the way, attempted to challenge in the stretch, but at the end was dropping back rapidly; he lasted just long enough to stave off the rush of Stymie, which had come from far back in the field.

Phalaris	{	Polymelus by Cyllene—Maid Marian
	{	Bromus by Sainfoin—Cheery
*PHARAMOND II (Brown, 1935)		
Selene	{	Chaucer by St. Simon—Canterbury Pilgrim
	{	Serenissima by Minoru—Gondolette
BY JIMMINY (Brown colt, 1941)		
Blue Larkspur	{	Black Servant by Black Toney—*Padula
	{	Blossom Time by *North Star III—*Vaila
BUGINARUG (Brown, 1934)		
Breakfast Bell	{	Black Toney by Peter Pan—Belgravia
	{	Batter Cake by Buckwheat—*Macaroon (No. 20)

Idle Hour Stock Farm, breeder; E. R. Bradley, owner; J. W. Smith, trainer.

By Jimminy was foaled February 7, 1941, at E. R. Bradley's Idle Hour Stock Farm, Lexington. At two he won the Grand Union Hotel Stakes, finished second in the Albany Handicap and Pimlico Futurity, and was third in the Hopeful and Richard Johnson Stakes. He had won two overnight handicaps previously this season and had finished second to Platter in the Withers. He has now made 16 starts, won five races, finished four times second, twice third, and earned $36,480. He was sold last summer to Alfred P. Parker but remained under the direction of Col. E. R. Bradley's trainer, Jimmy Smith.

BUGINARUG, winner, three foals. Winners, Bless Me (10 wins at two, three, and four, 1943, including Saranac Handicap), Bit of Sugar, By Jimminy (stakes, above). BREAKFAST BELL, winner Nassau, Amsterdam Claiming Stakes, 12 foals. Winners, Burgoo (20 wins), Boiling Water (producer), Beefsteak (placed in stakes), Buginarug (producer, above), Busy Fingers, Belfry Chimes, Bridleour. BATTER CAKE, winner Cincinnati Trophy, 15 named foals. Winners, Breakfast Bell (stakes, producer, above), Buckwheat Cake (placed in stakes, producer), Blind Love, Boys Howdy (Cuban Grand National Handicap), Bonny Maureen (producer), Bethlehemstar, Bootmaker, Patty Cake (Santa Susana Stakes, Roseben, Everglades Handicaps), Baked Bibescot, Pone. Producers, Blackeyed Kathleen, Bess Cake, Babuska.

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Ten and Six. In review of the English volume *Best Horses of 1943*, published in THE BLOOD-HORSE of June 17, page 823, it was stated that the price of the book was not available. The price is 10 shillings sixpence net (about $2.15).

MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk Downs

THE meeting at East Boston's Suffolk Downs finished its first half with the program of Saturday, June 17. It is by far the most successful meeting ever held in New England, despite the fact that New York's competition for the best horses is rather overpowering. Last week's public pools in the tote averaged $792,262 for the six days, somewhat lower than the previous average, which had been $901,231 at the end of the first 23 days. The total for the first 29 days (one day was dropped because of the invasion of the continent of Europe) was $25,481,895, the average $878,652. The turnover last Saturday was $1,086,256, slightly less than that of the previous Saturday.

Only stakes event of last week was the $5,000 added Bunker Hill Handicap, run June 17, anniversary of the famous skirmish which it commemorates. It engaged a moderate field, among which the favorite and winner was Brookmeade Stable's Great Rush, shipped from New York for the occasion.

The Saturday program also included a $4,000 race at six furlongs which turned out to be something of a re-running of the Plymouth Rock Handicap of the previous week, with a considerably different result. In the six-horse field H. G. Bedwell's Sollure, by *Soleil du Midi, under top weight of 122 pounds, was a strong favorite, and he ran in front all the way to win by three lengths from the second-choice Defense, with Valdina Punch third and the Plymouth Rock winner Mintlock fourth. The race, under allowance conditions, was carded by Racing Secretary Charles McLennan when another set of conditions had failed to draw a field.

On the program of Tuesday, June 13, F. W. Hooper's Hoop, Jr., and Pry were entered in an overnight race in which they were such strong favorites that, when they had finished first and second as named, the track had to put up $4,956.70 to pay off the "minus" on the show pool. Hoop, Jr., a son of *Blenheim II out of the good race mare and producer One Hour, was purchased out of the Keeneland sales last summer. He was to have been shipped to Chicago a few days ago to compete in the rich 2-year-old specials there, but a minor injury suffered in his stall caused the plans to be changed, and it has been announced that his next objective will be the $25,000 added Mayflower Stakes at Suffolk Downs.

Great Rush, Indeed

BUNKER HILL HANDICAP. Suffolk Downs, June 17, $5,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, one mile. Time, 1:39⅖, track slow. Stakes division, $4,370, $1,000, $500, $250.

Great Rush, 115 (Brookmeade Stable) ---------- 1
Baroque, 111, Reigh Count—Crazy Jane (M. Marmorstein) ---------- 2
Victory Drive, 104, Pompey—Flickaway (A. J. Vilone) ---------- 3

Others, Cornal, 110; Johnny Jr., 108; War Gleam, 105; Scotch Abbot, 110; Green Bush, 3, 100; Royal Flush, 102; Navy, 109½; Bridleour, 105. Winning jockey, J. Lynch.

The Bunker Hill Handicap, in its betting and result, emphasized the considerable difference between the class of New York and New England racing. All the starters except Great Rush had been racing at Suffolk Downs' current meeting. Great Rush had won a class C handicap a month earlier at Belmont Park, and had run well against good competition, but he had run in only four stakes events in his career and had been most

unsuccessful in them. For the Bunker Hill he had top weight of 115 pounds, and the weights ran so low that six of his ten rivals carried overweight of one to five pounds. Great Rush was the favorite at $2.70 to $1.

In the first half-mile Great Rush was last of field, while Baroque set the pace. In the next quarter-mile he passed one horse. At the eighth-pole he was still seventh, but at last he was running. In the final strides he caught Baroque and beat him a neck.

*Lancegaye	{ Swynford by John o' Gaunt—Canterbury Pilgrim { Flying Spear by Spearmint—Gallop-Along
CAVALCADE (Brown, 1931)	
*Hastily	{ Hurry On by Marcovil—Tout Suite { Henley by Junior—Helenora
GREAT RUSH (Bay gelding, 1939)	
Pompey	{ *Sun Briar by Sundridge—*Sweet Briar II { Cleopatra by Corcyra—*Gallice
SQUEEZE (Bay, 1932)	
Some More	{ *Polymelian, by Polymelus—*Pasquita { *Kiss Again by Tracery—Stolen Kiss (No. 3)

Mrs. Cary T. Grayson (now Mrs. George L. Harrison), breeder; Brookmeade Stable, owner; R. Sorrell, trainer.

Great Rush has started 42 times, won eight races, finished 11 times second, seven times third, earned $23,570. He made only one start as a 2-year-old. He was foaled April 20, 1939 at Blue Ridge Farm, Upperville, Va., and was catalogued for sale at Saratoga in 1940 but was withdrawn.

SQUEEZE, winner, three foals. Winner, Great Rush (stakes, above). SOME MORE, unraced, 11 foals. Winners, Progeny, Keep On (producer), Osculator (stakes, sire), Pomposity (stakes), Some Pomp (stakes, producer), Squeeze (above). Producer, Tenez (dam of Handcuff, etc.). *KISS AGAIN, winner, nine foals. Winners, After Dark (dam of Who Goes There) and Encore. Producers Some More, Once More, Prenez Garde, Fiancee. See pedigree of Who Goes There in THE BLOOD-HORSE of May 27, page 740.

FOREIGN

Mr. Woodward's Third Classic

NEW OAKS, Newmarket, England, June 16, 2,000 sovereigns added, 3-year-old fillies, 1½ miles. Time, 2:30⅗. Value to the winner, about $14,000.

Hycilla (William Woodward) ---------- 1
Monsoon, Umidwar—Heavenly Wind (late W. H. Phillips) ---------- 2
Kannabis, Phideas—Hempseed (Lord Harewood) ---------- 3

Complete field not available. Weights, 126 pounds. Winning jockey, George Bridgland.

MOST persistent, most successful American challenger for the major honors of English racing since the reinstatement of the Turf in the United States thirty years ago has been William Woodward, chairman of The Jockey Club of New York and honorary member of the Jockey Club of England. Because of the war Mr. Woodward has been obliged to reduce his participation in the affairs of the Turf in England, but, thanks to a small number of broodmares which he left there, he has been able to continue his English venture on a small scale. Last week, with a daughter of Hyperion and his noted American-bred broodmare Priscilla Carter, he captured the wartime substitute for the Oaks.

It was Mr. Woodward's third classic victory in England. In 1933 he had won the One Thousand Guineas with *Brown Betty II, and in 1936 he had taken the St. Leger with *Boswell. All three of these were bred in the British Isles, but the dams of *Boswell and Hycilla were bred by Mr. Woodward in Kentucky and Hycilla's dam, through Hastings, is barred from the *General Stud Book*. Thus Hycilla, if she is ever to have produce recognized as Thoroughbred, must be returned to the United States.

Hycilla, making the second start of her career, took the lead near the end of the first mile, finished a length and a half ahead of Monsoon. Kannabis was a close-up third. The winner was third choice in the betting, closing at 8 to 1.

Gainsborough	{ Bayardo by Bay Ronald—Galicia { *Rosedrop by St. Frusquin—Rosaline
HYPERION (Chestnut, 1930)	
Selene	{ Chaucer by St. Simon—Canterbury Pilgrim { Serenissima by Minoru—Gondolette
HYCILLA (Chestnut filly, 1941)	
*Omar Khayyam	{ Marco by Barcaldine—Novitiate { Lisma by Persimmon—Luscious
PRISCILLA CARTER (Chestnut, 1925)	
The Reef	{ Trap Rock by *Rock Sand—*Topiary { Pyramid by Hastings—St. Priscilla (No. 2 family)

William Woodward, breeder and owner; Capt. Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, trainer.

Unraced at two, Hycilla had made only one start prior to the Oaks and had finished second, behind Felucca, in the seven-furlong Harston Stakes, for 3-year-old fillies, maidens at time of starting, run at Newmarket May 17.

Hycilla, as anyone familiar with Mr. Woodward's stud could guess from her name, is by the great sire Hyperion out of the noted producer Priscilla Carter, which was bred in the United States and did her racing here, but has spent her entire stud life in England and Ireland. Notes on Priscilla Carter and her family are published on page 832.

Ocean Swell's Derby

NEW DERBY, Newmarket, England, June 17, 3,000 sovereigns added, 3-year-old colts and fillies, 1½ miles. Time, 2:31. Value to the winner, about $23,400.

Ocean Swell (Lord Rosebery) ---------- 1
Tehran, Bois Roussel—Stafaralla (Prince Aly Khan) ---------- 2
Happy Landing, Windsor Lad—Happy Morn (Walter Hutchinson) ---------- 3

Complete field not available; 20 ran, including Garden Path, Growing Confidence. Weights, 126 pounds on colts, 121 on fillies. Winning jockey, W. Nevett.

In recent weeks the sportsmen of England have been concerned with the question whether the opening of a new land front on the continent of Europe might not put such a strain on transportation facilities that racing would have to be abandoned during the critical period. When the invasion began the Derby and Oaks were less than two weeks away, and there was a very definite possibility that the No. 1 classic and its filly counterpart might be overwhelmed by the urgencies of war. But the Derby and Oaks had been run when Napoleon was mulling over the question of throwing his armies across the Channel, and also when Hitler was swinging his arms but afraid to jump. It would have been something of an anomaly if they could not have been run in 1944, when the flood of battle was flowing the other way.

As it was, going to the Derby at Newmarket was almost as much of an adventure as the Derby itself. Only two trains daily run from London to Newmarket, and these were packed to the last square foot of standing room. Many persons combined walking with hitch-hiking to reach the track, and the crowd of perhaps 10,000 was at once remarkable for being so small and for being as large as it was under the conditions. But, as in America, it made up in betting per capita what it lacked in numbers, and the turnover, in books and tote, was believed to be one of the largest in history. Many American soldiers were in the crowd.

Lord Derby's Garden Path, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and the only filly in the field of 20, was the favorite in what appeared to be a generally open race, and Growing Confidence and Tehran, which had finished second and third in the Two Thousand, were also well backed. But Garden Path weakened when the final test came and finished tenth, with Growing Confidence just behind her. The winner, Ocean Swell, was among the outsiders, closing at 28 to 1.

Like Hycilla in the Oaks the day before, Ocean Swell moved into the lead a half-mile from home, but at the end he found the competition all he could handle. He won in a blanket finish which found the three placed horses necks apart.

The result was remarkable in that the three placed horses were got by Blue Peter, Bois Roussel, and Windsor Lad—all of which won the Derby in the six-year period from 1934 through 1939.

Fairway	Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus
	Scapa Flow by Chaucer—Anchora
BLUE PETER (Chestnut, 1936)	
Fancy Free	*Stefan the Great by The Tetrarch—*Perfect Peach
	Celiba by Bachelor's Double—Santa Maura
OCEAN SWELL (Bay colt, 1941)	
Hurry On	Marcovil by Marco—Lady Villikins
	Tout Suite by Sainfoin—Star
JIFFY (Bay, 1931)	
Juniata	Junior by Symington—Scylla
	Samphire by Isinglass—Chelandry (No. 1 family)

Lord Rosebery, breeder and owner; J. Jarvis, trainer.

Ocean Swell made five starts last year as a 2-year-old, won the Alington Two-Year-Old Plate, was second to William Woodward's Merry Mark in the Isleham Plate, and finished unplaced in his other three races. At the end of the season he was rated well down on the Free Handicap of 2-year-olds, with 112 pounds, but this season he had won the Column Stakes.

He is from the first crops of foals by Blue Peter, which went unbeaten through his four starts as a 3-year-old in 1939, including the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, and Eclipse Stakes, after having finished twice second at two. Jiffy, Ocean Swell's dam, was retired to the stud without having been able to win a race in 12 starts at two and three, though she placed in several small stakes. Ocean Swell is the third of her registered foals of racing age. Her only other winner is Seasick, foaled in 1939, winner of the Southfield Stakes and two small handicaps. Ocean Swell's third dam, Samphire, has had numerous descendants in the United States, including her son the noted sire *Wrack.

ILLINOIS

Lincoln Fields, Arlington Park

THE meeting of the Lincoln Fields organization at the Hawthorne track, reduced from 29 to 28 days by the cancellation of the D-Day program, was ended with the racing of Saturday, June 17. The racing offered was not notably different from the routine established by Lincoln Fields in earlier years, but, in keeping with the high popularity of the sport as a wartime recreation, the support was much the best this association ever received.

The closing day, June 17, saw a crowd of 18,200 send a total of $1,178,495 through the machines, to set the total wagering for the 28 days at $21,083,669, average $752,988. The average daily play during the closing week was $831,825.

The final stakes event of the meeting was the Lincoln Handicap, a ten-furlong test in which a very successful Chicago-owned stable, that of John Marsch, scored an easy victory with the 4-year-old Valdina Foe, son of *Sun Briar. A six-furlong Au Revoir Handicap with a purse of $2,000 was won by Bright Willie. Mr. Marsch took advantage of a five-furlong maiden race on the program to bring out for the first time one of the more promising juvenile prospects of the Chicago sector. This was Free for All, a colt by Questionnaire out of Panay, by *Chicle, bred by the Mereworth Farm and sold last summer at Keeneland for $11,000. Free for All went to the post at odds of 40 cents on the dollar, took the lead at once, and "never looked back." At the finish he had a lead of eight lengths and had run the five furlongs in 59⅗ seconds, three-fifths of a second slower than the track record.

On Monday of this week the Chicago racing spotlight was turned on Washington Park, where the Arlington Park dates are being used. The coordinated meetings of these two tracks will represent a new high in Chicago racing, with a distribution of approximately $1,700,000 during their 70 days, including 24 stakes with minimum values of $10,000 added. First in the group of richer stakes events will be the Lassie Stakes, for 2-year-old fillies, to be run July 1, with an estimated value of $45,000, and next the $50,000 added Stars and Stripes Handicap to be run on Independence Day.

The 40 days of the Arlington Park meeting include the charity racing not only of the Arlington-Washington Park organization but of the other Chicago tracks as well, their efforts of this nature having been concentrated at one track in order to take advantage of the most productive part of the Chicago season.

The first day of the Arlington Park racing was marked by a program minus a claiming race, though three of the races were keyed to previous competition in claiming events. The principal feature was the six-furlong Beau Pere Handicap with a purse of $5,000, in which Mr. Marsch, attempting once more to dominate the Chicago show, scored with Occupation, the even-money favorite, with Corona Corona second and Silvestra third.

Attendance on the first day at Arlington Park was 15,608 and the mutuel turnover ran to $1,473,412.

Valdina Foe Repeats

LINCOLN HANDICAP, Lincoln Fields (at Hawthorne), June 17, $5,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1¼ miles. Time, 2:05⅘, track fast. Stakes division, $3,840, $1,000, $500, $250.

Valdina Foe, b. c., 4, 117, by *Sun Briar—*Rivalry, by Blandford (John Marsch) ---------- 1
Choppy Sea, 105, Hard Tack—Blustery (W. Montgomery) ---------- 2
Equifox, 118, Equipoise—Catherine Fox (Howard Wells) ---------- 3

Others, Night Shadow 112, Devalue 107. Winning jockey, O. Grohs. Trainer, Burley Parke.

In the La Salle Handicap, 1 3/16 miles, on June 10 Valdina Foe got a ten-pound weight concession from the 7-year-old Equifox and beat him eight lengths. In the Lincoln, a sixteenth of a mile longer, Valdina Foe got an advantage of only one pound in the weights, and Equifox was made favorite over him. But Valdina Foe took the lead from the pacemaking Choppy Sea on the turn out of the backstretch and went on to score easily by better than three lengths. Equifox, his class apparently declining with his age, failed to threaten and finished two lengths behind Choppy Sea.

It was Valdina Foe's thirtieth start, his sixth

victory. He has also finished second four times, third seven times, and his total earnings are now $15,470. Notes of his history and his family were published in THE BLOOD-HORSE of June 17, page 815.

DELAWARE

Delaware Park

THE Delaware Steeplechase and Race Association is now in the second half of its 30-day meeting, Saturday, July 17, having been the seventeenth day. The prosperity of the meeting is best reflected in the generous purse distribution, the minimum being $2,250, and rarely used at that.

On the program of last Saturday was the $10,000 added Sussex Handicap, in which W. P. Wetherall's Lord Calvert scored his first stakes victory. Among the other races was a $3,750 handicap in which Racing Secretary Edward J. Brennan got the satisfaction of seeing three noses on the post at the finish, the placed horses being Best Reward, Reztips, and Ideal Gift. In this race the favorite was H. L. Straus' New Moon, which was suddenly shut off when coming into competition for the lead in the stretch, and had to be taken up, losing a strong chance at the victory. Other good races on the program were won by Longchamps Farm's Donitas First and W. L. Brann's Challedona, the latter a 4-year-old sister to Challedon.

A feature of the racing earlier in the week, on Wednesday, June 14, was the Delaware Park version of the Spring Maiden Steeplechase, a sort of institutional affair in which Pimlico, Belmont Park, and Delaware Park have cooperated to encourage the development of young jumpers. The Delaware Park division was not run as a stakes event this year, but had a purse of $4,750. The winner was the odds-on favorite, John M. Schiff's Shotlo, which galloped to a 12-length victory, with Brookmeade Stable's Gay Venture second. Shotlo is a 4-year-old bay gelding by Chance Shot out of *Lola Montez II, by *Stefan the Great, bred by his owner and trained by Oleg T. Dubassoff. In six starts as a jumper this year, his first season as such, he has won two races, finished second twice, and earned $7,420.

Lord Calvert, Formerly Frustration

SUSSEX HANDICAP, Delaware Park, June 17, $10,000 added, 3-year-olds and up, 1¼ miles. Time, 2:05, track fast. Stakes division, $8,500, $2,000, $1,000, $500.

Lord Calvert, 111 (W. P. Wetherall)	1
Bon Jour, 110, Sun Beau—*Chaucrita (Charles Turner)	2
Castleman, 118, Chance Sun—Hildrum (Max Marmorstein)	3

Others, *Famous Victory 111, Eye for Eye 108, Moon Maiden 110, Half Crown 105½, Charter Member 100. Winning jockey, Jack Westrope.

Favorite mare of Major Ral Parr, one of Maryland's favorite sportsmen, was Her Grace, one of the best race mares of her time and winner of $35,720. In Major Parr's small but carefully selected stud at his home, Laurel, just north of Baltimore, Her Grace produced several very promising foals, but, what with injuries to some, unsoundness in others, and lack of sufficient class, none of them ever quite came up to the high hopes which they engendered. When Ral Parr died in the fall of 1939 Her Grace, then 12 years old, had not been credited with a stakes winner. It may be that this was the reason that Her Grace's foal of that year—which began his racing under the ownership of Major Parr's nephew, Henry A. Parr II—first bore the name of Frustration.

At any rate Frustration's name was changed to Lord Calvert, after one of the honored figures in the early history of Maryland, and as Lord Calvert he has done something to clear away the frustration connected with his dam's career in the stud.

In the Sussex Lord Calvert was second choice at 3 to 1, the favorite being Castleman, which had scored runaway victories in his two previous starts at the Delaware Park meeting. Jack Westrope succeeded in keeping Lord Calvert close to the pace of the utter outsider, Charter Member, through the first six furlongs, moved him to the front on the last turn, and found him game enough in the final drive to stand off the strong challenge of another outsider, Bon Jour, and win by a neck. Castleman closed some ground in the stretch after having lacked racing room in the early running.

	Display	Fair Play by Hastings—*Fairy Gold
		*Cicuta by *Nassovian—Hemlock
DISCOVERY (Chestnut, 1931)		
	Ariadne	*Light Brigade by Picton—Bridge of Sighs
		Adrienne by His Majesty—Adriana
LORD CALVERT (Chestnut gelding, 1940)		
	*Bright Knight	Gay Crusader by Bayardo—Gay Laura
		*Sunny Jane by Sunstar—Maid of the Mist
HER GRACE (Chestnut, 1927)		
	Markiluna	Sir Martin by *Ogden—Lady Sterling
		Kiluna by Golden Maxim—Lute (No. 9 family)

Ral Parr, breeder; W. P. Wetherall, owner; F. A. Bonsal, trainer.

Lord Calvert did not race at 2. He has started 28 times, won seven races, finished seven times second, twice third, and has earned $23,175.

HER GRACE, winner of 12 races and $35,720, including Maryland Handicap, also second in Pimlico Oaks, Riggs Handicap, third in Suburban Handicap, seven foals. Winners, Graceful Flight, Jolly Duchess, Ebonito, Son Altesse, Lord Calvert (stakes, above). MARKILUNA, placed at two, 12 foals. Winners, Rockiluna (producer), Jester B., Gifted Lady (producer), Bright Mark, Bahama Knight, Ballinderry, Strolling On. Producers, Highkiluna, Knightess. KILUNA, unraced, 15 foals. Winners, Kai-Sang (Lawrence Realization, Colorado, East View, Grand Union Hotel Stakes, Jerome Handicap, sire), Captain Martin, Barluna, Creek Indian, Indian Guide, Soul of Honor (Great American Stakes, Jerome, Endurance Handicaps), Bright Luna (producer), Luna Bright, Golden Saint, Krona. Producers, Heskiluna, Markiluna (producer, above), Charming Ways.

CALIFORNIA

End of a Bright Hope

FOR months the Thoroughbred owners and breeders of California, the race track managements, and the public have been building their hopes of a return of racing to southern California for the first time since Pearl Harbor. In recent weeks the matter had become very definite. Del Mar was authorized to open July 5 and Hollywood Park to follow with a meeting opening August 25 and continuing for 55 days. Racing stables made plans to ship, plans for the meetings were announced, the California Breeders Association scheduled a sale of yearlings for July 24.

There was some discussion of possible objections on the part of the Government bureaus concerned with the war effort, and both Del Mar and

Hollywood Park managements publicly announced that their meetings would be postponed or canceled if it appeared they would interfere with production for the war.

Last week the hopes were blighted, if not dashed, when Del Mar announced the postponement, and Hollywood Park the cancellation of their meetings. W. F. Tunney, vice president and general manager of Del Mar, issued the following statement:

> The board of directors of the Del Mar Turf Club have voted to postpone temporarily the opening of their racing meeting scheduled to start July 1. Delay in reconditioning the premises and other unavoidable circumstances necessitate the action. Permission has been granted by the California Horse Racing Board to apply for racing dates when the above conditions have been alleviated.

In an advertisement published in *Daily Racing Form* of June 20 the Hollywood Turf Club announced its position:

> The California Horse Racing Board licensed the Hollywood Turf Club to conduct a race meeting opening August 25 and running to November 2, 1944. The Western Defense Command of the United States Army lifted the restrictions which had prevented our opening previously. However, Under-Secretary of War Patterson, by letter dated June 9th, has stated:
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> "Approval for a race meeting at this time in the Inglewood area cannot be given."
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> Hollywood Park has a sincere desire to serve the best interest of the Nation at this critical time, and has, therefore, canceled the proposed meeting in the belief that the war effort should not in any way be interfered with. We hope and expect to conduct a meeting later and will be happy when we can announce a future racing schedule, at which time we hope to conduct racing on the same high plane under which we have operated heretofore.

RANCHO SAN DIEGUITO

ONE of California's fastest growing Thoroughbred farms is Rancho San Dieguito, owned by George M. Buckman. His home is in San Diego, where he is the dealer for the Radio Corporation of America, but the farm is located six miles east of the Del Mar race track. This enthusiastic young breeder already has been elected a director of the California Breeders Association and the California Breeding Foundation. He previously had one or two Thoroughbreds on a small farm at nearby El Cajon, but only recently started raising Thoroughbreds on a large scale.

Rancho San Dieguito has a history going back to the Spanish days of California. It is part of a huge area that was a grant to a loyal follower of Spain. On the present ranch is one of the oldest houses standing in San Diego County, said to have been built about 150 years ago by Ferdinand Osuna. The house is built from adobe bricks, and the tiles of the roof and the floors were individually wrapped in cotton and brought by horse and wagon from the Pala Mission near Bonsall. Part of the original house is still standing and, having been modernized, is now the home of E. G. Roberts, the ranch manager. Most of the stables were built originally for American Saddlebreds, which were raised there by Gladys Kibbee before Mr. Buckman purchased the place.

A large part of the ranch is on rolling hills, overlooking a flat valley, where it is planned some day to construct a training track. A 20-stall training barn is also part of the future plans. At present there are 29 box stalls, which are in two wooden barns. Nearby are 12 "Madden sheds," each with its own small paddock for a mare and foal. The ranch is unpretentious, but has practical equipment for raising horses.

When Mr. Buckman purchased Rancho San Dieguito he had but one mare, and planned to pick up a few more here and there. Last year he went up to the Alisal Ranch of the late Charles E. Perkins with the intention of purchasing two mares, but came home owning 19 more Thoroughbreds. Now there are 53 horses on the ranch, 14 white face cattle, and about 30 Jersey-Duroc hogs.

E. G. Roberts, the farm manager, is an experienced man with horses. Although he raised saddle horses before he became associated with Mr. Buckman, he always had one or two Thoroughbreds, as they were his first interest. Mr. Roberts was born in Carlsbad, Calif., about 35 miles north of San Diego, where his father built the first race track in that district. Later, E. G. Roberts became a jockey, and rode for E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin.

The stud at the farm is the 14-year-old Boilermaker (Bubbling Over—*Vaila, by Fariman). Bred by the Idle Hour Stock Farm, he is out of *Vaila, dam of the stakes winners Broadway Jones, Befuddle, Miss Jemima, Beezlebub, and Blossom Time. Boilermaker is a big, solid-looking horse, with no coarseness about him. He has had but a few foals to race, but will have about 23 mares this year. He is leased from E. P. Gamble, with an option to buy.

Another stallion at the farm is the 5-year-old Clearmont (Granville—Teddy's Squaw, by *Teddy). He has a fractured sesamoid bone, and if he cannot be returned to the races this year, he will be used for breeding next spring. Mr. Buckman believes his double *Teddy cross warrants him a chance as a sire.

The farm recently sold the stud Sir Lanny (*Hand Grenade—Georgia Girl, by *Solitaire II) to Fred B. Osborne of Tarzana.

The farm's two most valued broodmares are Teddy's Squaw (*Teddy—Nantokah, by Ultimus) and Her Majesty (*Teddy—Exalted Ruler, by Superman). Both have foals by Flying Ebony and were bred back to Boilermaker.

There are two stakes winning mares on the farm. One is the 14-year-old Ebony Lady (Flying Ebony—Plum, by The Manager). She won $25,070, including the 1934 Inaugural Handicap at Latonia. The other stakes winner is the 17-year-old Mild (King Gorin—Parley, by *Under Fire). She won $30,340, including the 1932 Polo Park Handicap at Winnipeg. The amazing thing about her, however, is that she was retired absolutely sound when she was 12 years old.

All the foals raised at his ranch are to be named with the prefix "Mankcub," which is Buckman spelled backwards. This year's foals are by Flying Ebony, *Soon Over, *Sir Lanny, and several other California stallions. At present, Mr. Buckman is mainly interested in the breeding of Thoroughbreds, and intends to sell most of his yearlings privately or at the California sales. He does not expect the farm to be largely represented at the races for about five years. As Mr. Roberts put it, "We want to get our feet wet before we get our knees wet."

The farm got off to a good start this year—out of 19 foals, only four were fillies.

DOREEN M. NORTON

ENGLISH TURF TOPICS

By The Briton

State of the Turf

LONDON, May 28 (By Air Mail).—Although the war has now lasted nearly five years, it is still possible to report that the bloodstock situation in this country is as sound as a bell. It may be that before this dispatch reaches you there will be a temporary interruption to racing. Should that be the case, no great harm will be done and certainly no one will complain. After all, the public, and those professionally interested have had a wonderful run of uninterrupted sport.

Everything, of course, has been cut down. Only a few race courses are being used; considerable portions of the stud farms have been ploughed up; training stables are short of labor; there is a shortage of jockeys. There is also a shortage of horses, but this may perhaps be regarded in a favorable light; those that have been retained represent the cream of our stock.

Actually there are some 1,800 horses in training, of which more than half are 2-year-olds and a third are 3-year-olds. They are distributed among 122 (English) trainers, the average number per stable being 15 horses; naturally, the better established stables have bigger quotas. Six race courses are being used. In the South and West there are Ascot, Salisbury, and Windsor; in the North Pontefract and Stockton; Newmarket has its own frequent meetings for horses trained there and also for the more important 'open' races in which all horses may compete; these include the classic events, certain juvenile events and races like the (substitute) Gold Cup.

Newmarket, where the first two classic—the Two Trousand and One Thousand Guineas—have been decided, has not changed essentially since we were at peace in 1939. The chief difference, from the racing point of view, is that only the July, or Summer, course is being used. This provides races from 2¼ miles, straight, down to the five-furlong sprints. The stands were not built for big crowds like those on the Rowley Mile course, but they have proved adequate for wartime crowds. These have averaged about 5,000 persons and have been swelled, ever since the American 'invasion,' by numbers of our welcome guests in khaki.

Our new friends may miss the gaiety and sophistication of some of the great American tracks, but we hope that they have appreciated some of Newmarket's unique features. They have looked from the stands across the wide expanse of the ancient Heath, stretching almost as far as the eye can see across the grey-green lands of Suffolk. Here and there are neat fields of plough, a few farmsteads and the woods and plantations which Suffolk farmers have used from time immemorial as windbreaks; Newmarket is near the Fen lands and is only eighty miles from the sea.

The stands themselves are flanked by a deep plantation of beech, in a part of which, on hot days, the horses are saddled before proceeding to the parading ring. The race course, almost dead flat, stretches away in the direction of the university town of Cambridge, but the finish of it is run in the lee of the famous Ditch. This is the setting for all our big wartime races. It can be bleak on occasion, but visitors who know the country well know where to find the sweet-smelling hedgerows, just now bedizened with may, lilac, and laburnum, and backed by the great chestnuts in full bloom. And there are bluebells in the woods.

Garden Path's Parents

YOU will have learned how Lord Derby's filly, Garden Path, beat all the colts in the Two Thousand Guineas. This may be interpreted in two ways, either that the colts are a poor lot, or that Golden Path is an exceptionally good filly. I would not care, at this stage, to subscribe to the former view, but I am in no sort of doubt that Garden Path is a good one. It is unusual, in any case, for a bad horse to win the Guineas; the fact that Garden Path is the first filly to have beaten the colts in this race since Sceptre (1902) advances her claims to excellence.

It can be stated at once that she could have won the fillies' race, the One Thousand, just as easily had she run for it. Her owner, in deciding to take on the colts, must have been supremely confident of her ability. Maybe, too, he thought it was time that he won another Two Thousand; he had not won it since Colorado's year, 1926, whereas he won the One Thousand with Herringbone last year. Anyway, it was a very popular victory.

Readers will know as much about Garden Path as I do, except that they have not seen her. She is a truly made filly, bay in color, favoring her sire, Fairway, in type, though with more substance and with a better middle piece. She has good, strong quarters and gallops low to the ground, in the manner of a stayer. She is a daughter of Fairway and Ranai, and is thus an own sister to Lord Derby's 1942 Derby winner, Watling Street.

I need not write here about Fairway, but a note on Ranai may be of interest. The daughter of Rabelais—Dark Sedge, by Prestige, was bred by M. Couturie in 1925 and was bought as a yearling at the Deauville sales, on Lord Derby's account, for 95,000 francs. She raced in France with some success (I am indebted for these details to the account of her career published in the *Bloodstock Breeders' Review*, Vol. XXXI, 1942) and was brought to England in 1928. Never, as matters turned out, did Lord Derby show better judgment in securing a broodmare for his stud. Ranai has enriched it immeasurably and will, I think, be regarded as one of the greatest matrons of the present century.

Ranai's produce have included the Derby winner, Watling Street, Garden Path, Ravioli, Clematis, Diosma, Kew, Glycine, Correa, Full Bloom, and now a grand filly by Hyperion called Hydrangea. All are winners, and Glycine and Correa are already dams of winners. Full Bloom, by Hyperion, is now at Captain Ingram's stud at Bletchley. Certainly Ranai has been mated with the best sires, but it may be noted that she has bestowed her favors in generous fashion; her mates have been Diophon, Coronach, Sansovino, Trimdon, Caerleon, and, of course, Fairway and Hyperion. She has few equals, the world over.

In my next dispatch, I hope to say something about her latest produce, the 2-year-old filly Hydrangea, which she has bred to Hyperion. It will be realized that if Hydrangea is anything like as good as she ought to be—and it must be said that

she shows exceptional promise—she must represent the quintessence of everything that Lord Derby has bred. She is Ranai's first filly foal bred to Hyperion and one may justifiably wonder exactly how important her future contribution to the stud book will prove to be.

Had it not been for one circumstance, I would hardly have dared to write any new eulogies of Hyperion. Almost, I would have hesitated to record that, in this present curtailed season, not two months old, he has sired the winners of seven 2-year-old events, and all high-class winners at that. But, now that his son, Pensive, has gained such high honors in U. S. A., I feel justified in placing his sire on a plane in which he needs no advertisement. We may surely consider him as being a member of a great family, of which you now have a sturdy and strong-growing branch.

He seems to be an institution, rather than a blood horse. Maybe you criticize your President, or our Prime Minister; or General Motors, or Ford, or our own I. C. I., just as we may criticize some or all of them, in reverse. But neither you nor we can criticize Hyperion. He stands as one of many links between our two countries and we hope that, just as you have welcomed his son, Pensive, in the States, so we will one day be able to welcome Pensive's sons and daughters when they come over here to race. That way lies peace and friendship—two of the great things your men and our men are now fighting for.

SOUTH AMERICAN NOTES

(Continued from Last Week.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 21.—Recently died at Buenos Aires, of a heart attack, the great jockey Maximo Acosta, for years one of the most famous figures of the Argentine Turf. Acosta was the arch-rival of the remarkable Irineo Leguisamo, and the leadership passed several times from one to the other, though Leguisamo stood at the top of the statistics on more occasions. Acosta was the rider of the crack Banderin, whose death this year was also caused by a heart attack, when he was working the distance for the mile Clasico America, won by Peluquero.

On March 25 the Clasico Olavarria, for fillies, was won by Fachosa (by Full Sail), which scored in 1:05⅘ on a muddy track. Fachosa had won the season's first "clasico" for 2-year-old fillies. Lisa, a daughter of the great stayer Cute Eyes, at Palermo on April 1 captured the Criadores Handicap, 2,000 meters in 2:06, beating a moderate field.

A more classy field of mares was presented at Palermo on April 8 for the Clasico General Bosch, 1,400 meters, with Plateria and Xanthis among them. Plateria, a top-flight performer by Parlanchin, won a great victory, over a muddy track, running the distance in 1:23⅕. She is undoubtedly the best mare now in training in South America, and her best rival is Congreve's daughter Dalilah, also in Argentina.

On April 9 the best 2-year-old fillies in Argentina met for the Clasico Saturnino J. Unzue, over 1,200 meters at Palermo. Fachosa, winner of two previous filly races, was the favorite but was beaten a half-length by Terca, a daughter of Commuter, while Elegy and Rusticana finished third and fourth, very near the winners. The time was 1:12⅖. Excepting Terca and Fachosa, the better 2-year-old fillies met again a few days later at Palermo in Clasico Eliseo Ramirez, 1,400 meters. The winner, in smart fashion, was Rustom Pasha's daughter Elegy, which ran the distance in 1:25⅖, apparently better suited by the track than when she lost the Saturnino J. Unzue in the mud. Rusticana was the runner-up.

At San Isidro May 13 the Clasico Rio de la Plata, 1,000 meters, was won by the good mare Banshee, daughter of Badruddin, son of Blandford. She beat the good sprinters Secreto, Hereje, Monslave, and Vozarron, in 58 seconds. A good mare at the shorter distances, Banshee was scoring her most important victory. On the following day, at Palermo, the Clasico Gilberto Larena was offered, and again the noted mare Plateria beat Zanthis.

Uruguay

THE most significant development in Uruguay recently was the resolution of Jockey Club de Montevideo asking the protection of the Uruguayan government against the exportation of large numbers of horses to Brazil. In recent years Brazilian breeders and owners have been buying on a large scale in Uruguay, acquiring good race horses, broodmares, and even sires. When the Argentine government put restrictions on exports, especially of the higher-class horses and mares, Uruguayan breeders took over a larger share of the big and increasing market in Brazil. Now it appears that Uruguay is likely to make legal restrictions similar to those of Argentina. But the progress of racing and breeding in Brazil has been so rapid that Brazilian breeders feel themselves able to turn out products as good as those of the other countries.

In this connection it is interesting to note a portion of the letter that Dr. Alvaro Vargas, president of the Jockey Club de Montevideo, sent to the directive committee of the club. He said that the Jockey Club should insist upon a restriction of big exports to Brazil. He recalled the exportation in recent years of the best race mares of Uruguay for Brazilian racing and breeding, such as Gayola, Es Fija, Borreguita, Platinada, Cuyita, Mona Gris, and Polula, and he pointed out also that many good producing mares had been sent across the line. Dr. Alvaro Vargas presented a long list of the top-class Uruguayan horses sold to Brazil, among them the best stakes winners of recent years. "We are going to be without horses," he said. "I repeat that we have sold—in proportions far beyond our capabilities—the good and the best. . . . The selling-mind has reached even the production ranks."

On March 26 at Maronas the Clasico Pastor Victorica was run, and all but two of the field were withdrawn, leaving the race to be settled between the cracks Latero and Profano. The former won as he pleased. In view of the departure of Monterreal for Brazil, the long retirement of Lord Coty, and the death of Banderin, Latero, through this victory, established himself as the master of all the horses four years old and up in the valley of the La Plata, for in Argentina there appear now to be no horse of Latero's class.

Voroshiloff, a son of Tropero, at Maronas on April 25 won the Clasico Outono, running 1,400 meters in 1:23, beating the good Sobeo and others. Five days later at the same track the best mares in training, excepting Boina Roja, came out for the Clasico Eduardo Vargas, 1,600 meters. The winner was the 3-year-old Peregrina, by Jolly Eyes, which beat Zingara, Blancanieves, La Potota, and others in 1:36⅘.

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DETROIT'S DISASTROUS FIRE

EARLY in the morning of Saturday, June 17, a drunken former stable hand struck a match in a barn at the State Fair Grounds race track at Detroit, and many hours later track officials counted up the toll of destruction in one of the worst fires in the history of American race tracks. Two stables had been razed, 32 horses had been counted dead, and David Scott, a 56-year-old groom, trapped in a tack room, had been burned to death.

Late that night A. T. Pasieczny, assistant prosecutor, stated that Leroy McCammish, 30-year-old former groom known as "Pegleg," had admitted that he was responsible for the fire. He had no explanation for his action, Mr. Pasieczny said, except that he was under the influence of liquor. He was held for investigation on a possible charge of murder.

George Lewis, general manager of the Detroit meeting, estimated the value of the horses lost at $200,000. David J. Ferguson, of Detroit, lost his entire string of five horses, including the high-class Bell-Buzzer, and his trainer, Charles Sanborn, was also left without a horse. George C. White, of Henderson, Ky., also suffered a disastrous loss, losing six horses of his own, a lead pony, and six horses he was training for other owners.

During the three hours the fire was raging, a number of horses, including those in nearby barns, were led out and many of them turned into the infield, whence a few of them managed to escape and thus to complicate the task of discovering just which ones had been destroyed in the fire. Mr. Lewis estimated that as many as fifty might be unfit for racing for some time owing to injuries received in the general confusion attending the fire.

The list of horses which appeared to have been lost is as follows:

Trained by George C. White

Chaco Ballad, b. c., 3, by Balladier—Paraguay Tea, by Stimulus (Miss Mildred Woolwine).
El Pueblo, gelding, 3 (George F. McCarthy).
Mar-Geo, filly, 2 (George F. McCarthy).
Ballie Star, blk. g., 4, by Balladier—Khanam, by Aga Khan (M. P. Brothers).
Listen Thor, ch. c., 2, by Thorson—Listening, by Morse Code (Jack Bronaugh).
Harlen Ann, br. f., 3, by *Masked Marvel II—Mai Dee, by *Sir Gallahad III (Mrs. G. C. White).
Three Roses, b. f., 4, by *Masked Marvel II—Rosestem, by Stimulus (Mrs. G. C. White).
Sunny Bunny, b. f., 3, by *Rolls Royce—Sun Blackthorn, by *Sun Briar (Mrs. G. C. White).
Pilot Rock, b. c., 3, by *Man O'Night—Sweepstick, by Broomstick (Mrs. G. C. White).
Miss Marvel, br. f., 2, by *Masked Marvel II—Henrietta Wildair, by Wildair (Mrs. G. C. White).
White Mystery, filly, 2 (Mrs. G. C. White).
Golden Reward, blk. f., 2, by Reaping Reward—Rain Crow, by Westy Hogan (George Krehbiel).

Trained by N. T. Mayo

Tarantula, ch. c., 5, by Omaha—*Tetra Lass, by Tetratema (B. L. Williams).
Parkdale, b. c., 2, by Brandon Mint—Tsuga, by *Paragon II (Allen H. Smith).
Tsuga Bee, b. f., 3, by Brandon Mint—Tsuga, by *Paragon II (Allen H. Smith).
Islam Girl, ch. m., 5, by Islam—Finlet, by Bunting (Edward I. Codley).
Masked Ranger, b. g., 3, by Kearsarge—Masked Gal, by Galetian (D. B. Carpenter).
Standalone, b. g., 7, by Display—Wild Polly, by Wildair (D. B. Carpenter).
Lot o' Sun, b. f., 2, by Sun Teddy—*Sunbeat, by Solario (Allen H. Smith).
Spare Room, br. f., 4, by Tedious or *Aethelstan II—The Spare, by John P. Grier (D. B. Carpenter).

Trained by L. G. Bedwell

Flying Double, ch. g., 5, by Matadi—Flying Home, by Cherokee (Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe).
Carl Junior, b. c., 4, by Bargello—Three Times, by Prince of Umbria (Carl Whittenton).
Balboa Park, br. c., 4, by *Craig Park—Poliza, by Sweeping Away (Carl Whittenton).
Estimulo, ch. g., 5, by Stimulus—Nettie Stone, by Friar Rock (Edward I. Codley).

Trained by Charles Sanborn

Bell-Buzzer, b. c., 3, by *Bel Aethel—Buzzcat, by Catalan (D. J. Ferguson).
Wise Colors, b. f., 3, by Wise Counsellor—Racing Colors, by Man o' War (D. J. Ferguson).
Black Skimmer, blk. f., 4, by Balladier—Scarp, by Rolled Stocking (D. J. Ferguson).
My Myrl, ch. m., 5, by High Cloud—Myriad, by Chance Play (D. J. Ferguson).
Great Scot, b. g., 3, by Epithet—Biela, by Supremus (D. J. Ferguson).
Coffeeman, b. g., 6, by Ladysman—Coffee Cup, by Whichone (J. Abplanalp).

Trained by Van Horton

Wise Duke, ch. g., 11, by Wise Counsellor—Desire, by Marathon (Mrs. M. M. Johr).
Hadmore, b. g., 7, by Hadagal—Nellie Morse, by Luke McLuke (Mrs. M. M. Johr).
Look Sharp, filly, 2 (Mrs. M. M. Johr).
Exclamatory, b. c., 3, by Chicstraw—Exclaim, by *Masked Marvel II (Mrs. M. M. Johr).

GRADED RACES HERE TO STAY

THE only organization of racing men which has formally opposed the present trend toward non-claiming races is the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. In the June number of the *Horsemen's News*, official organ of the H. B. P. A., is the following editorial statement from Thomas H. McCreery, president of the organization:

At the annual meeting of HBPA last March at Miami our members voted against graded handicaps or graded condition races. They were in favor of more claiming races. A few days after this vote was taken, there were 30 horses entered in a Grade E race and, on the same day, only nine were named in a claiming race for horses entered to be sold for $2,500 down to $2,000.

During the Belmont Park meeting there were 32 horses entered in a Grade D race and five days later there were 40 horses entered in the same kind of a rac, while from only seven to twelve were named in claiming races of horses entered for from $3,000 to $4,000.

Therefore, it looks as though the graded race was here to stay, although columns of articles have been written and published against graded races. I find that most horsemen who are adverse to graded races have ideas about claiming some one else's horse, but would race their own horses in the graded events to prevent them from being claimed.

They will tell you that graded races will lead horsemen to race their horses dishonestly in order to have them placed in a lower grade. In reply to that, I might say we have had handicaps for many years, the idea of horsemen running their horses inconsistently in graded races would be the same as doing so to get weight off them in handicaps.

The racing stewards seem to have no trouble in preventing dishonesty in handicaps and it is believed they will be able to handle the Graded Races as well.

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Permane. On August 31, 1943 Bobby Permane rode his first winner at Garden State Park, just outside his home town, Camden, N. J. Now established as one of the country's leading riders, Bobby will return to Garden State when that track opens its 50-day meeting July 5.

Jack Joyner's Life Story

By Neil Newman

This is the twenty-fifth installment of Mr. Newman's biography of the late Andrew Jackson Joyner. The story is being told in the words of Mr. Joyner himself.

CHAPTER XVIII (Continued)

GALETIAN'S next appearance in public was in the Colorado Stakes at Jamaica, for which he was a stout favorite. The contour of the Jamaica track was hardly productive of Galetian's best efforts, and at the first turn he took Sande to the outside fence and eliminated himself as a contender. This forced me to await the opening of Belmont Park, where I could run Galetian over the straight course, the old one, with the finish down near the old club house. Galetian made one of the field for the Juvenile Stakes, in which W. R. Coe's Pompey and the Oneck Stable's Sandstorm were coupled; both were trained by Bill Karrick and favorites at 12-to-5. For some reason I never could understand the bookmakers had scant respect for Galetian's chances. He opened at something like eight and drifted out to ten, which impelled me to take a chance. I instructed Sam Lavery to take advantage of the bookmakers' liberality and to take some of it himself. Then the money began to show and Galetian's price was cut in half. McTaggart took Galetian to the front with a rush but the Glen Riddle Farm's filly Friar's Carse, destined to produce in later years a good horse in War Relic, stuck to Galetian like a leech. Celidon ran up into third place a length back. In the last sixteenth the filly could not stand the pace; she started to swerve to the outside. Galetian began to widen out and came down two lengths in front with a bit in hand.

This race convinced me Galetian was all I had thought he was, possibly a little bit more. This opinion was strengthened when Friar's Carse won her next three starts, all stakes, the Fashion, the Keene Memorial, and the Clover. Gwyn Tompkins, her trainer, had assured me prior to the Juvenile he was running a first-class filly (Friar's Carse had won her first start) and Galetian had to be above the average to whip her. I did not run Galetian in the Keene Memorial for the reason it was run on the main track, around a turn, and I feared a repetition of his Colorado Stakes fiasco.

So there was nothing to do but possess our souls in patience until racing returned to Belmont Park in September and have Galetian ready for his engagement in the Futurity. But as Robert Burns remarked, "the best laid plans of mice and men—." Galetian was an absentee when the field started down the old chute for the Futurity. He had gone wrong in his training and I had to let up on him. That he would have won this particular Futurity if he had only remained sound I shall always believe. The bad-actioned Pompey won the race, all out, mainly through the skill of Laverne Fator. At the finish he was a length in front of Canter, trained by Harry Rites, with the fast closing Chance Play, trained by Louis Feustel, third. Chance Play was best as the race was run. He was runing over his field when Canter swerved into him, knocking him off his stride, and at the finish he was only a head back of Canter.

In my association with Mr. Widener, lasting over a quarter of a century, it was my good fortune to win two Futurities for him, and it was my bad fortune that I did not win three more. I shall always feel that if Galetian and his son Sation had stood up under the rigors of training each would have won this stakes, and I am morally certain Eight Thirty should have won, despite the fact he was short about two good works for his Futurity. But more of this in its proper place.

The stable pet, old *Lanius, appeared twice under silks, both times at the United Hunts meeting. He was unplaced in his first start and third in a field of three on his second appearance. Admittedly he was badly overmatched when pitted against the two 3-year-olds *Silver Fox and Coventry, but I put him in the race for two reasons, to oblige the racing secretary and to give *Lanius a chance to run—the old gelding loved to race and always expected to be saddled and started. *Silver Fox, the winner, had an interesting history. His sire Grey Fox, by Le Samaritain, was bred in Argentina and was the only horse that ever finished in front of Botafogo. Later he went to England to the Cobham Stud of William Allison, who bred *Silver Fox. Phil T. Chinn bought him as a weanling for $2,500, brought him to this country, and offered him for sale at Saratoga as a yearling. Charlie Hill, acting for Harry F. Sinclair, bought him for $19,000. W. R. Coe came along and "declared himself in," taking an option to buy a half-interest in *Silver Fox, the option to run for two years. *Silver Fox was a big overgrown colt; when he began racing he looked like one of the horses that used to haul the brewery trucks of Jacob Ruppert. At two he won but one race and less than $2,000. At three he found himself, earning $60,725 that year, and Coe then exercised his option. At three *Silver Fox won the Broadway and Shevlin Stakes, the Carter Handicap, the Empire City Derby, the Cincinnati Derby (Willie Brennan took him west and saddled him for this race; he was the first winner credited to Brennan as a trainer), and the first Saratoga Sales Stakes—it was then for 3-year-olds. *Silver Fox died at five, having earned $79,385, the greatest sum ever won by a grey horse in this country.

Coventry also was a horse with a history. On an epic afternoon at Saratoga, Ed Simms and Gifford Cochran got together to inspect the Xalapa Farm yearlings Simms was offering for sale. Champagne flowed like water and with every bottle the yearlings looked better. As the sun was setting, Cochran had agreed to buy six of the Xalapa yearlings, five by *Negofol and one by *North Star III, for $140,000. Coventry was one of them, put in at $25,000. He won just one race in his life, the Preakness, worth $52,700. Of the others the only one that was of any account was Dangerous.

There was another stake winner racing that year that was bred at Erdenheim, the 4-year-old gelding Upsal, also named after a station on the line between North Philadelphia and Chestnut Hill. He was by *Trompe la Mort out of *Phenecia, a *Troutbeck mare Mr. Widener bought in England in December, 1916. He was a half-brother to Phenix, a stakes winner through the

field under the colors of Joseph Davis, trained by Mat Brady. Upsal was sold to Bayard Warren and, trained by Willie Booth, won the Shillelah Steeplechase at Saratoga that year.

The year 1926 closely paralleled that of 1925 and Galetian was the only stakes winner. The principal difference however was that Mr. Widener campaigned a division of the stable at Miami. This was the first year a meeting was held at Miami; it was promoted by a man named Joe Smoot. John I. Day had a piece of it, and the meeting was a great success from a financial standpoint. Of course it was only a faint outline of what Hialeah later became when it was taken over by Joseph E. Widener, who completely remodeled the plant and the track, changing it into the most beautiful race course the world has ever known.

To give credit where due, however, the first Hialeah meeting, promoted by Joe Smoot and his associates, was by far the most pretentious winter meeting this country had known up to that time. In the old days no one raced at the winter tracks, such as New Orleans, San Francisco, and Guttenberg, unless he was hungry—it was a tacit admission one was just a jump ahead of the sheriff. Not so at Hialeah however; the classes and the masses rubbed elbows in the paddock and it was a decidedly cosmopolitan gathering. In addition to our stable, horses owned by Harry Payne Whitney, Greentree Stable, Audley Farm, Salubria Stable, and Mrs. Walter M. Jeffords were regular entrants in the races. The patent medicine kings, Willis Sharpe Kilmer of Swamp Root fame and L. T. Cooper, father of Tanlac, played important roles in the racing that season. Among the professional horsemen encountered daily were Bob Smith, Jack Keene, Bill Wallace, "Sarge" Swenke, Willie Martin, and many others. The meeting was admirably conducted, free from scandal, and frying pans were conspicuous by their absence.

Mr. Widener shipped ten or twelve horses to Miami—I have forgotten the exact number. My recollection is that collectively they won eight races, were placed about fifteen times, and earned just short of $10,000. Bert Mulholland trained this division and proved he knew what it was all about.

The ancient *Lanius, now 11, was sent along with the others to the Flower Land. Not that anything in particular was expected of him, but it was thought he would prove useful in helping educate the 2-year-olds. Whether it was the song of the mocking birds in the palm trees or the odor of the oleanders, I am not prepared to say, but it is the fact that old *Lanius seemed to take a new lease on life; he ran in eight races, winning one, was placed in five, and earned $2,100. As a matter of fact *Lanius won the first race of the season for the stable, on January 23, the third day of the meeting. It is true he was second behind L. T. Cooper's Old Slip as he went under the wire, but the winner had piled up the field when he crossed over coming into the stretch, for which he was properly disqualified and the race awarded to the old son of Llangibby. Harass won three races; he was a 3-year-old bay colt by *Wrack—Star Lady, by *Star Shoot, purchased from A. B. Hancock as a yearling for $800. Tempter and Rinso, each winner of a race, were home-breds, the former a 2-year-old bay colt by *Trompe la Mort—*Courtisane, a mare Mr. Widener bought in the Mackay sale. The latter was by *Trompe la Mort—Soapsuds; her dam was a well bred mare foaled in 1918 by Rossendale—*Washerwoman, by Erla Mor, purchased as a yearling by Mr. Widener from Henry T. Oxnard for $1,600. The other winner, Dust Up, was a 3-year-old bay gelding by Sweep—*Sournoise, by Verwood. He was bred by Phil T. Chinn and sold for $7,800 as a yearling. He was sold to the Seagram Stable later in the year.

I gave the United Hunts meeting a miss in balk this year and resumed operations at Jamaica, but with indifferent success. At Jamaica Sabina, a 3-year-old chestnut filly by *Trompe la Mort—*Messalina, by Cicero won two races, and was Mr. Widener's first winner over Jockey Club tracks that year. In between Sabina's victories a 3-year-old bay colt named Hardwood, by Broomstick—*Duckshot (another 1916 importation), by Gallinule, won a race.

It was during 1926 that the Widener Course was first used. I had won the first race ever run at Belmont Park with Blandy in 1905, and was anxious to win the first over the Widener course. With this in mind I started the 2-year-old Sandswept, by *Sweeper—*Sanberia, by Santry. J. E. Widener had purchased *Sweeper from Mrs. Helen Duryea for $75,000 the year before, and placed him at the head of his Elmendorf Stud, where he lived long enough to make only one season and was later replaced by *Stefan the Great. *Sanberia, dam of Sandswept, had been purchased in England as a yearling for 500 guineas in September, 1916, by Tom Welsh for George D. Widener's account, at the same time he bought *Lanius. Sandswept was set a task beyond his powers. Bert Mulholland, who had seen A. P. Canale win several races in Florida, stated in his opinion the son of *Wormleighton—Lady de Jarnette, by *Peep o' Day, was too experienced for our green 2-year-old. He was right; A. P. Canale, named by his owner with becoming modesty after himself, and trained by Willie Midgley, won easily. This colt was registered as having been bred by Lucien Lyne, who used to ride Tradition. Technically I suppose it is true, but actually, Sanford C. (Pops) Lyne bred the colt, as Lucien at that time was riding in Spain for the Duke de Toldeo, the *nom de course* of King Alfonso XIII. Then I tried to win the last race of the day, also down the Widener Course, with Clearance, a chestnut colt by *Sweeper out of Playcany, by Fair Play, but among the starters was a massive chestnut gelding, owned and bred by Joseph E. Widener, also by *Sweeper, out of Ormonda, by Superman, that was destined to gain great renown as Osmand—and Osmand won easily.

I started Galetian for the first time at three in the Toboggan Handicap on the opening day at Belmont. He was allotted 110 pounds, was ridden by Eddie Barnes, was off badly and was never prominent. The race was won by the rank outsider Sarmaticus, owned by Robert L. Gerry and trained by George D. Odom. Joseph E. Widener's Haste was favorite, but stopped in the stretch.

As Galetian had never mastered the art of racing around turns, his sphere was necessarily limited to the Widener Course. About two weeks after the Toboggan he started for the 5½-furlong Speed Handicap down the Widener chute. He carried 107 pounds and was not greatly fancied. He went off at about 8 to 1 and it took Barnes all his time to bring him home a nose in front of the Oak Ridge Stable's 4-year-old Mino, with Noah (117) and *Silver Fox (130) in the beaten field. Galetian ran once more that year, four days after the Speed Handicap, which incidentally was worth $4,200, in a handicap at six furlongs over the Widener course, confined to 3-year-olds, and car-

As a result of the election of a Republican governor Kentucky has an entirely new State Racing Commission this year. Shown here are three of the five members, Leslie Combs II, chairman; Mrs. Edward Shinnick, secretary; and Vertner D. Smith, vice chairman. Mr. Combs, who now operates Spendthrift Farm at Lexington, a few years ago was a member of the West Virginia commission. As secretary Mrs. Shinnick succeeds Thomas R. Underwood, who has been secretary of the N. A. S. R. C. since the year it was organized.

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ried top weight, 126 pounds. The best he could do was finish third to Chance Play (126), the odds-on choice, and Sandyman. Galetian had no excuse; he was in the lead and tired. He was not nearly as sharp a colt at three as he had been at two and that year was hardly in the same class as Chance Play.

Galetian made his first stud season in 1927 and while he was Mr. Widener's property he made seven seasons. He never had more than six foals any year. In all he had about 33 living foals and almost all of them that could be trained won races; he had some twenty winners in all. Galetian was unsound himself, and in far too many instances he transmitted this unsoundness to his stock. Of course he was always overshadowed by St. James and when Jamestown was retired Mr. Widener had no more use for Galetian, so he was offered for sale at Lexington in November, 1932. He was purchased by the Remount Bureau for $300 and was killed a year or two later—he staked himself on a fence and had to be destroyed. I nearly died myself when I learned how little he sold for. If I had had any idea he was going so cheaply I would have bought him myself and stood him somewhere in Kentucky. His best son, Sation, was foaled in 1930. He could not be trained at two but at three, four, and five he developed into the best sprinter in the country, and and had I then owned Galetian, with Sation for his hostage to fortune, I would have had no trouble filling his book every year at a fee of $250.

The 1927 season was the last really lean year I experienced. As Eddie Hayward phrased it, I was never to "know a poor day again." But while it lasted the year 1927 was a nightmare. In 1926 I started out with three 2-year-olds, purchased as yearlings in 1925, that cost collectively $28,100. As 2-year-olds in 1926 they won two races and earned exactly $1,850. Kawa, a chestnut filly by Trap Rock—Federal Girl, therefore a sister to Lady Baltimore and Lord Baltimore, was purchased from Capt. Phil T. Walker for $11,500; she won once, earning $900, but later made amends as a broodmare. Phil Walker bought Federal Girl, a daughter of Ultimus, at the dispersal sale of the Wickliffe Stud, January 15, 1918, for less than a thousand dollars. He sold yearlings out of her for about $100,000—and lost it all back and more trying to make a sire out of the grey importation *Royal Canopy. Acquittal, a bay filly by Sweep—Highest Appeal, by Ultimus, was bred by Samuel D. Riddle but sold under the aegis of Samuel Ross. She brought $11,500 in the ring at Saratoga. At two she finally won a race at Aqueduct late in September, ridden by Johnny Maiben, entered to be claimed for $2,500, and earned but $700.

This experience should have been a red light for me at Saratoga in 1926, but I was still obsessed with the idea I could snare another St. James out of the sales ring. And I had lots of company—no less than 33 yearlings sold during the vendue from sums ranging from $10,000 to $35,000, the latter sum paid by Eben Byers to Phil T. Chinn for a colt by Black Toney—*Humanity, by *Voter, later known as Tuskegee. This was the year the German breeder, Baron von Lyncker, brought over a consignment of German-bred yearlings and departed with a good round sum in American dollars. He made the mistake of returning the following year and lost heavily. I am, at this late date still unable to account for it—it must have been mass intoxication—but when the sales were over it developed Mr. Widener, on the advice and with the consent of Andrew Jackson Joyner, wrote out a check in favor of the

Fasig-Tipton Company for $62,100 and for this amount gained title to four yearling colts and three yearling fillies.

Do you know how many races these yearlings won as 2-year-olds and how much collectively they earned? Exactly one race and $2,150. But before you try to affix the goat's horns on my brow, permit me to call your attention to the fact that the adviser for James Cox Brady in 1925 counseled that sportsman to purchase 14 yearlings at Saratoga at prices ranging from $1,100 to $50,500 for a total expenditure of $158,900, and, as I recall it, the following year these yearlings collectively failed to win a race. Howard Oots did not need to go on a diet that year. That was the year I advised the purchase of Kawa and Acquittal and that same year I bought for my own account, for $4,000, a yearling colt by *War Cloud—Orowoc that never got to the post at two and failed to win for me at three. I got rid of him and Mat Brady won a steeplechase with him under the name of Warfain.

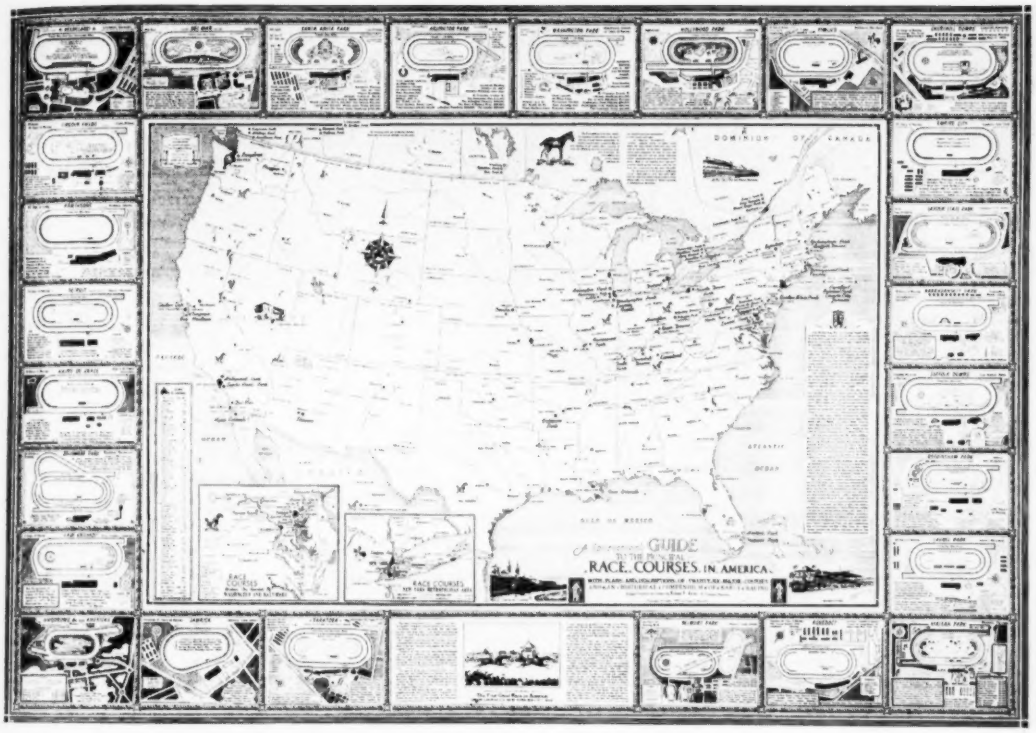
In a way Mr. Widener was forced to enter the yearling market in 1926. St. James had been retired to the stud in 1925 and his first crop did not become of racing age until 1928. In a measure the stock of *Trompe la Mort had not quite come up to expectations, and pending the advent of St. James' first foals it was necessary to resort to the Saratoga sales ring to secure potential winners. The highest-priced yearlings purchased in 1926 were particularly disappointing. Dustbroom, a bay colt by Sweep—Ethelberta, by Ethelbert, purchased from the Himyar Stud for $20,000, never earned a dollar, though he started nine times. Arcturus, a well named bay colt by Black Toney—Brilliant Star, by *North Star III, cost $18,000; he won one race at two and $1,000 but he made amends later.

The procedure of the year before was followed; a division was sent to Florida to race at Hialeah with Bert Mulholland in command. It developed they were in the main unequal to the competition they encountered. As I recall it, but two of them, Reprieve and Gracious Gift, won races, and most of them were disposed of, either by private sale or through claiming channels. Three of them won stakes later that year, in their new ownerships. Clearance, a 3-year-old by *Sweeper—Playcany, by Fair Play, came north and won two races, after which he was claimed by Ed Arlington and won three more races for Arlington, one of which was the Quebec Derby at Dorval, worth $4,750. He was trained by Frank Byer. Gracious Gift, a 3-year-old bay gelding by Whisk Broom II—*Sunglow, by Sundridge was sold to Frank Bray after winning a $2,000 claiming race at Hialeah. Bray sold him to his patron, the Lilane Stable, and with him won the Catskill Claiming Handicap at Saratoga, worth $3,850. Gracious Gift went on winning for years—when he retired he had $44,217 to his credit. Reprove, a 3-year-old bay filly by *Trompe la Morte—Blame, by *Wrack, after winning a claiming race at Hialeah was sold to a man named W. Maher, and that year for him won six races, including the Victoria Stakes at Woodbine and the Provincial Stakes at Windsor. She was trained by Owen Pons, and that year earned $13,065 for Maher. Reprove was the first winning foal of her dam, a mare purchased as a yearling for $3,100. Blame never raced, but developed into a fair producer; she was the dam of eight winners which collectively won 86 races and earned $76,940.

On the face of it these stake victories by horses sold out of the stable portrayed me in an unfavorable light, but it must be remembered they would never have won these stakes if they had remained in Mr. Widener's stable. A parallel case cropped out several years later when Bob Smith, while in California, sold four horses owned by the Brookmeade Stable to A. C. Taylor for $17,000. Among them were Special Agent and Indian Broom, and they earned more than the four cost within six months, racing in the West, but they would never have done so had they been campaigned in the East by Bob Smith or any one else.

As the months passed without the horses winning any races, I war far from happy. I tried to solace myself with the thought of Tom Welsh's observation, "Sure, the best trainer that ever lived couldn't make a bad horse beat a good one." It was cold comfort, but the horses were certainly bad. In the stable this year were a daughter and a son of *Crepuscule, a daughter of *Meddler—*Strike-a-Light II, by Donovan, therefore a sister to *Allumeur, sire of Sally's Alley. *Crepuscule, foaled in 1914, was bred by Clarence Mackay in France, and sold here as a yearling to Grant Hugh Brown for something like $5,000. Brown had raced for a number of years as the Brownleigh Park Stable, and had imported *Flotsam, the steeplechasers *John M. P. and *Desert Chief, and owned a nice horse named King Cobalt. David (Puddin) McDaniel trained *Crepuscule and she won herself out. After her racing days were over Mr. Widener bought her for a broodmare, for $5,000 or $6,000, I forget the exact amount. It doesn't matter—she was worth five times whatever he paid for her as she proved to be one of his best broodmares. Her first foal, Battledore, failed to win. The second, Glimmering, won six races and $6,420; both were by *Trompe la Mort. Her third foal was by Man o' War and was named Armada—she was foaled in 1924, raced 20 times at two and three, without winning. At stud it was another story, for Armada was the dam of three stakes winners, Don Guzman, High Fleet (possibly the best filly I ever trained for Mr. Widener), and Grass Cutter. Daughters of Man o' War as producers are a law unto themselves—many of his most successful broodmares were worthless as race mares. War Wedding, dam of Marriage, and Gas Bag, dam of Thumbs Up, are examples. Gerard was the fourth foal of *Crepuscule and at two in 1927 won one race. He was by *Ambassador IV, as his name indicates. Gerard ran from two to five for Mr. Widener and won 11 races, earning $12,650. Drafted out, he raced until he was eight, winning 37 races and $17,532 for other owners. *Crepuscule is mentioned in detail for the reason that her descendants played vital roles in the warp and the woof of Mr. Widener's racing and breeding.

The best of the 2-year-olds and the only stakes winner among them was Finite. He was the second foal of the good winner Last Straw; her first, Chaff, by *Trompe la Mort, had been drafted out after her first racing season, during which she won two races and $2,100. Later she won 13 more races and earned around $15,000. Finite was by The Finn, a black horse, but he inherited his dam's chestnut color. He was the "big horse" of the stable that year; in ten starts he won three races, was second in three, earning $8,325. He won his second start, an overnight purse, and followed by finishing second to Nassak in the Grab Bag Handicap, and the Sanford Memorial. He was unplaced in the Grand Union Hotel Stakes, which was won by Vito, owned by A. H. Cosden and trained by Max Hirsch. Finite then won again and was second in another overnight purse, these last two races at Aqueduct. At the same



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track he won the six-furlong Babylon Handicap under 114 pounds, ridden by Fritzie Weiner. He was four lengths ahead of the odds-on choice, Gifford A. Cochran's Propus, trained by Henry McDaniel. In his farewell appearance for the year, the Remsen Handicap at Jamaica, Finite finished seventh and last, stopping badly in the final furlong. The winner turned up in Greentree Stable's Excalibur, trained by Clyde Phillips. The favorite and topweight, Rancocas Stable's Ariel, was caught and passed in the final hundred yards.

A great favorite of mine about this period was the veteran gelding *Lanius. *Lanius was retired at the end of the 1926 season. He had raced every year from 1917 to 1926, had been a stakes winner at two and four. His record during the ten seasons he raced was 56 starts, 14 wins, 10 seconds, 11 times third, and $27,470 won. He never was as sound as he might have been but he possessed to a marked degree what the sporting writers are wont to term the competitive spirit. *Lanius loved to race and always gave his best. Mr. Widener pensioned *Lanius to a life of ease at Erdenheim. His name has reference to an order of birds of the shrike or butcherbird family; in fact there is an ornithological sequence in his pedigree in the tail male. The name of his sire Llangibby sounds Welsh to me, but his paternal grandsire was Wildfowler and Wildfowler was a son of Gallinule. Strangely enough there was a horse of the same name racing in England when I was there; he belonged to a man named Ludwig Neumann and he too was by Llangibby. Llangibby was a pretty good race horse, winning among other races the New and Eclipse Stakes and about $70,000. The English horse Lanius was also a good performer and a hardy one to boot. He was foaled in 1911 and won the Rous Memorial, Sandown Foal Stakes, and Jockey Club Stakes (1¾ m.), and was second to Son-in-Law in the Jockey Club Cup (2¼ m.). He earned $57,030 in England and was sold early in 1917 to the Australian Lionel Robinson for $7,500. He raced in Australia, earning $21,490, at seven and eight, winning the V. R. C. October, Caulfield, and Cumberland Stakes (2 m.), the Royal Plate, and the A. J. C. Plate (3 m.).

Tom Welsh went to England in the autumn of 1916 to buy some yearlings for J. E. and G. D. Widener. Welsh was an exceptionally good judge of a yearling and had a better knowledge of bloodlines both here and abroad than any trainer I have ever known. *Lanius was purchased from the Irish breeder James J. Maher, who died a few years ago. Maher was possibly the most successful breeder of modern times—that is, a breeder who bred for the market—from both a financial and an artistic angle. He bred Caligula, winner of the St. Leger; St. Louis, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas; Manna, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby; Parwiz, winner of the City and Suburban; Sandwich, winner of the St. Leger; and *Royal Minstrel, winner of the Eclipse Stakes. In 1928 he offered three yearlings for sale at Doncaster and they realized a total of $140,250, an average of $46,750 per head, a world's record. Qurrat-al-Ain sold for $63,750 and she practically won herself out; among her victories were the Queen Mary and Coronation Stakes. He sold another filly, the grey Fet, by Tetratema—Comfey, a sister in blood to Caligula, to Sir Victor Sassoon for $61,200; she never won a shilling, was persistently barren until 1933 when she was sent into the ring at Newmarket and sold for $382.50.

Welsh's mission on behalf of Joseph E. Widener proved to be a tragedy. He determined to buy three yearlings in the consignment of Lady James Douglas after he inspected them at Newmarket prior to the sale—due to the war the sales were held at Newmarket instead of Doncaster. They began on Tuesday, September 12, 1916, and Welsh left London for Newmarket, a distance of about 70 miles, that morning. Due to the war and troop train movements his train was delayed and did not arrive at Newmarket until an hour after it was due. He hurried to the Tattersall's sales-ring, where Lady Douglas' yearlings were being sold as he arrived. Hurriedly consulting his catalog and comparing it with the number listed of the yearling on which bids were being taken by Gerald Deane, he found out the colt he had come to buy, a good looking bay by the great Bayardo out of St. Frusquin's Oaks-winning daughter *Rosedrop, had been sold. He bought the other two yearlings he was interested in, a filly later known as *Cattleya, by Sundridge—Sainte Adresse II, by St. Simon, for $4,420 and a colt by Marcovil—Politely for $1,800. When the sale was over he went to the office to determine who had purchased the Bayardo—*Rosedrop colt and Somerville Tattersall told him the colt had been passed out as he had failed to reach his reserve. Welsh asked what the reserve was and Mr. Tattersall, consulting his list, told him it was 2,000 guineas. Welsh then went in search of Lady Douglas and offered to buy the colt. She refused to sell the colt for the reserve she had originally placed upon him and then Welsh offered her 2,300 guineas. This was also refused; her ladyship demanded 2,500 guineas, or 25 per cent in advance of the reserve. Welsh hesitated and finally came to the conclusion he was not empowered to meet the run-up, and thereby lost a colt that has made racing and bloodstock history.

The colt was Gainsborough, which in the hands of Alec Taylor won the Two Thousand Guineas, the New Derby, the September Stakes (War substitute for the St. Leger), and the Newmarket Gold Cup. If Welsh's train had been on time he would have bought Gainsborough for 2,000 guineas and brought him to America, and there would have been no Bobsleigh, no Goyescas, no Orwell, no Solario, and no Hyperion. Gainsborough earned $70,400. Welsh tried to console himself with the thought that if Gainsborough had come to this country he might not have gained the success he did in England. Still what a difference there would have been in British racing and bloodstock history if Welsh's train had been on time at Newmarket that September morning.

*Rosedrop, dam of Gainsborough, later came to this country. She was a first-class race mare; in addition to the Oaks I saw her whip Willonyx at 1¾ miles in the Great Yorkshire Stakes. She was a golden chestnut with a flaxen mane and tail. In 1922 she was sold by auction to Walter J. Salmon for $2,750 but she did him no good. Bred to Fair Play she produced a colt called Mere Play that Tom Healey could not drag a half in 50 seconds. He could not gain a place in six starts at two but did manage to win two cheap races in 14 starts at three. It is difficult to reconcile the bloodlines and the racing performance of Mere Play. Welsh used to come around to Healey's barn, look at Mere Play for a while, shake his head and then go away, muttering to himself.

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Odds. On June 16 at Lincoln Fields Young Geordie won the first race, paid $106.80 for $2, Wobble Pump paid $184 in the fifth.

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Now on display in the offices of the Arlington Park Jockey Club whose 1944 meeting opens at Washington Park on June 19, the trophy is engraved officially as "The C. V. Whitney Challenge Cup for the Equipoise Mile." In beauty of design, in historic and sentimental interest, it is a masterpiece of the silversmith's art and the acme of the sportsman's good taste.

The Whitney cup will be up for competition the first time in the fourth running of the $10,000 Equipoise Mile on June 24. Under the conditions, it must be won three times by horses belonging to the same owner before it may be retired as such owner's permanent possession. Small replicas will be presented to eacn winning owner by the Arlington Park Jockey Club.

The trophy is of antique English silver, with cover and silver plinth. It was made in London in 1938 by J. E. Terry. The height to the top of the decoration on the cover is 26 inches, the diameter at the top is nine inches, at the foot 10½ inches. The cup has massive silver handles, is ornamented with oak and acanthus leaves, also grape decoration and heads of Bacchus. The plinth has a Bacchanal scene, representing a festival or holiday.

Secured to the inside of the cover is one of Equipoise's shoes, silver-plated and engraved with his name. The positions of the nail holes, spaced irregularly because of the horse's bad hoof, are silent, impressive reminders of the "chocolate soldier's" courage in overcoming his handicap.

The cup itself is an adaptation of the famous Warwick vase. The original, made in stone, was found in 1770 among the ruins of the huge villa at Tivoli, Italy, built by Hadrian, one of the most competent of Roman emperors. It was taken to England by Sir William Hamilton from whom it was purchased by George Greville, Earl of Warwick. The cup bears the coat of arms with crest of the Alhouse family of Suffolk.

Students of history will recall that Sir William Hamilton, British diplomat and archaeologist, was envoy to the court of Naples for many years preceding the Napoleonic wars. His wife, Lady Hamilton, is known to history as the mistress of Viscount Nelson, the great British admiral and hero of Trafalgar. Previously, as Emma Lyon, daughter of a Cheshire blacksmith, she had first been the mistress of Hamilton's nephew, Charles Greville, then the favorite, later the wife of Sir William himself, who married her in 1791 to elevate her standing when she returned to England.

Sir William returned to England in 1800, after 36 years as envoy to Naples, taking with him not only Hadrian's vase, which he sold to the Earl of Warwick, but many other valuable antique treasures now in the British Museum. The Whitney Cup, itself more than 100 years old, was engraved by Cartier, Inc., in New York.

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